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The end of the welfare state

David Brindle, Social Security Corresponde

RITAIN'S two main po-litical parties yesterday declared an end to the welfare state as it has been known for 50 years, foreshadowing a new and looser comact between the individual and an enabling government. As the Conservatives pub-lished plans for people to use private insurance and pensions to pay for care in old age, Labour set out the first details of a new welfare state in which private insurance would play a growing role.

Chris Smith, Labour's shadow social security secre-tary, said: "Surely it is time to get away from the sterile battle lines of public and pri-vate and, instead, to look at how the two can best work together in the interests of the citizen — and in the interests of all citizens at that."

Contemptuously dismissing "the old statist left". Mr Smith said: "The principle must surely be that the state acts as the guarantor of all provision, the regulator of all provision — and the admin-

The coincidence of the Labour and Tory pronounce-ments marks a decisive and irreversible shift in the role of the welfare state.

After years of debate across the political spectrum about uitability and affordability in 21st-century Britain, yesterday's moves represent a comprehensive, state-run social insurance model of Wilstate's founding father. Introducing the Govern-

ment's long-term care proposals. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said the "principal responsibility" must rest with the individual for ensuring that he or she enjoys a comfortable and ful-

filling retirement. Setting out the founding principles of Labour's social justice programme, Mr Smith said he wanted a welfare system which provided real protection, helped the poor return to work and secured people's retirement. The Government's role should be to

guarantee as much. "How ... it is to be delivered is a matter for sensible judgement and practical analysis. It is not simply a matter of how much money is spent. or how much is administered by a particular form of

bureaucracy." he said.
Mr Smith was at pains to
stress he was not departing from the underlying principles of Beveridge. But the wel-fare state had to change to take account of modern family structures, job flexibility and insecurity, and the rise of the working woman. "The reality is very clear. In looking at our welfare state, and how it should take account of modern times, we know that

A prominent member of the 'new Labour' group around l'ony Blair, Mr Smith is likely to have fuelled Labour left-wingers' fears that traditional principles are being abandoned. He has further height ened actively by calling for a new definition of poverty. While promising that Labour would write poverty

back into the political script saying he "grieved" at how the Government had written too simplistic some of the in-

groups use to count the poor.
"If you are highly skilled, earning a reasonable wage, and have a modicum of savings, when you are thrown out of work you may become technically poor — your standard of living is certainly sub stantially diminished — but you may well have a reasonyourself out of poverty in a short period of time."

Committing a Labour government to seek a consensus for better defining poverty, Mr Smith said: "It isn't simcome that count; it is all the other denials of life chances that come in train. Our national assessment of what poverty means needs to take that into account."

Before outlining his proposals, in a lecture sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy Research, Mr Smith asked the media to desist from the "mostly inaccurate" reportover the idea of scrapping child benefit for the over-16s. Insisting no decision had been made, he said: "I look forward to fruitful and con-

colleagues on the issue in the coming weeks." Ministers sought to keep the spotlight on child benefit.
Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, claimed
Labour was in disarray. He said: "Labour's child benefit flasco shows that it is making wrong choices, not hard

choices, on welfare." Liz Lynne, who speaks on social security for the Liberal Democrats, criticised the lack of detail in Mr Smith's lecture. "For months we were told that come May, the full range of Labour's social security policies would be

"Yet today we are informed that there are still weeks more of waiting. Once again, internal disputes within the Labour Party are postponing any significant policy

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William Beveridge: "The main feature of the Plan for Social Security is a scheme of social insurance against interruption and destruction of earning power and for special expenditure arising at marriage, birth and death"



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Stephen Dorrell: "The Government believes that it is important to provide a framework of support to allow individual citizens to plan their affairs against a more stable background"



Chris Smith: "The welfare state is after all a framework which the Government sets in order to enable citizens to achieve security; it is not a particular mechanism per se for delivering that security"

Dorrell plans personal insurance route for elderly care

Richard Thomas

Economics Correspondent

yesterday that the state would provide only a "safety net" for elderly care, leaving the bulk of the popu-lation to shoulder the cost of their care after retirement.

Outlining proposals to en-courage people to buy insur-ance policies for old-age nurs-ing care and social support, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said the ageing population meant more care than ever was required and that costs would escalate

that the principal responsibility for making that provi-sion rests with the individual," Mr Dorrell said in a Commons statement on a con-sultation document published yesterday. "We shall continue



to provide a safety net." His proposals would allow pay-ments from an insurance policy to be offset against any future means test by the state. At present anybody with

the new scheme, which may become law this year, this threshold would increase in line with the size of an insurance policy.

previous measures to encour-age people to opt out of state pension schemes and would "reward the thrifty for their

responsibility".
Mr Dorrell added that by reducing the need for retired people to sell their home to pay for care, the proposals would allow them to pass it on to their children.

But Labour seized on Mr Dorrell's comments as a betrayal of the basic principles of the welfare state. Harriet Harman, shadow health sec-

assets over £16,000 is obliged to pay for their care. Under the new scheme, which may become law this year, this for themselves." Archie Kirkwood, the Lib-

eral Democrat spokesman on community care, said: "The In a clear nod to his party's scheme is a gimmick to pro-rightwing. Mr Dorrell said the changes would build on and action for the Conservatives between now and the election. It does not begin to address the scale of the longer

term problem."

Lobby groups said the cost of insurance premiums — which could be as much as \$10,000 for a lump sum payment — made them prohibitively expensive.

But the insurance industry gave a warm welcome to the proposals, which it said would boost the nascent mar-ket in care insurance. MPs expressed some con-

retary, said: "People were cern that insurance firms' told that they would be looked profits would be put before

Among the lighter items declared are the gift of a Fender Stratocaster guitar to Tony

Blair; a safety belinet and safety clothing to John Pres-cott from the RAC; two bou-

quets of flowers to Anne Campbell, Labour MP for Cambridge; 12 jars of honey from the London Beekeepers'

Association to Tony Banks,

MP for Newham North West, and a declaration from Peter

Bottomley, Tory MP for Eltham, that he gets invited to many cultural events only

as the spouse of Virginia Bot-tomley, the heritage

Prague Writers'

proper regulation of the market, pointing to widespread should not be covered by the mis-selling of pension Financial Services Act, which

schemes. These fears were ful protects customers against elled by Mr Dorrell's view inappropriate sales.

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High-earning MPs refuse to disclose interests

DOZEN former ministers — from David Mellor to Douglas Hurd - have decided not to declare income from lucrative direc torships in the first register of members' interests which requires MPs to disclose out-

side earnings. Roy Hattersley, the former Labour deputy leader. emerges as the top earner — receiving £104,300 from two contracts with the Mail on Sunday and the Guardian in a guide to MPs' outside earnings. Other top earners include Patrick Nicholls, Con-

servative MP for Teignbridge, who receives nearly £60,000 from his declared director-ships, and Sir Dudley Smith, Conservative MP for Warwick and Leamington, who

earns £45,000.

But some 40 Conservative
MPs and a handful of Labour MPs have not declared their

earnings.
David Mellor, reputed to earn £350,000 a year from 10 directorships including British Aerospacs, Racal, Vosper Thorneycroft and Ernst and Young, declares 25,000 a year from the London Weekend Television's political pro-gramme, Cross Talk. Douglas Hurd, the former

foreign secretary, reputed to

earn £250,000 a year from Natwest Markets and a direc-torship with Natwest Bank, declares no income. Other ex-ministers not de-

claring income include Tristan Garel-Jones, an adviser to British Gas, BP, Biwater and the Union Bank of Switzer-land; Norman Lamont, with seven directorships; Richard Needham, with four director-ships including GEC and Gleneagles; Nicholas Scott: Tim Sainsbury and Kenneth Baker, John Butcher, David Howell and Sir Norman flower. Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister and a strong opponent of the new rules and register, also makes no declaration.

otherwise, that my services are provided in my capacity as an MP. The existence of these contracts is not dependent in any way upon my being an MP, nor does the duration of these contracts bear any relationship to any parliamentary timetable."

Among those declaring their income, money from journalism dominates. As well as Roy Hattersley's the Mail on Sunday — Gordon Brown, the shadow chancel-lor, receives £330 per column

Mr Mellor justifies his decision in his entry. "It is not now, and never has been a contractual duty, implied or contractual duty, i Liddell, Labour MP for Monklands East, earns a similar sum from the Glasgow Evening Times. Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, earns up to £5,000 a year from the South West Echo. Journalism aside, the going

rate appears to be between £15,000 and £25,000 for a banking consultancy and up to £10,000 for other parliamen-tary work. Jack Cunningham, Labour's national heritage spokesman, earns up to Brown, the shadow chancellor, receives £330 per column from the Scottish Daily Read Wilson, Hays Chemicals

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with the US.

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Sketch

Deaf duel on the Commons floor



Simon Hoggart

E'S still here! Nothing will budge John Major. Poll defeats, European defeats, Commons defeats — nothing has any effect. The laws of politics have been suspended. Why should we imagine that, simply because he is likely to lose the next election, he will allow a little setback like that to shift him?

He arrived for Question Time yesterday to a loud cheer from his own side (hypo-critical) and a louder cheer Blair asked whether the Tory manifesto would promise to privatise the Post Office.

The Prime Minister affected surprise. "Many rural post offices are already in private hands, and it is astonishing that you don't seem to know that," he replied.

It is at moments like this that your sketch-writer wishes to descend to the floor of the House and crash their heads together. They were talking about two different things. Mr Blair was discuss ing "the Post Office", which runs the Royal Mail. Mr Major meant what we call "the post office", the shop where you buy stamps, postal orders and videos of Pamela Anderson.

Mr Blair did not seem to notice. "It is completely astonishing that you do not understand the concern of people that the Post Office might be

Mr Major was equally as-tonished. Astonishment was

First night

...........

T'S a funny old festival. Glasgow's Mayfest, never quite able to decide whether

it's a big international event

brella for local initiatives. In

the opening days there was

everything from the glitzy Maydance, featuring world

champions in ballroom, Latin and Highland dancing, to a new play by Tom Kempinski

produced on a budget of what

looked like about £1.30. Kempinski has emerged

from lengthy therapy for his

agoraphobia with a fistful of

prema Lex — Cicero's rule for pre-Imperial Rome that the priority in government is the

welfare of the populace — is

Theatre Group, working with a Belfast outfit called Actual

Theatre, got hold of the play

because Kempinski's more

illustrious contacts turned it down. I am not sure why, it is

not the subtlest piece of drama

but the central argument is an

important one. It is about the

fragility of democracy and how, if you mess with just one

starts to collapse.

one of them. The tiny Strathclyde

new plays. Salus Populi Su-

or simply a publicity um-

Salus Populi Suprema Lex

Glasgow Maylest

BBC treatment for

King and Cromwell

Robert Dawson Scott | edly independent BBC. Today In Parliament features John

slopping round the House like seawater in The Poseidon

Mr Major changed the subect to child benefit, and Labour's confusion on the topic. Mr Blair paid no atten-tion, and buried himself in conversation with the person next to him.

'You can tell he doesn't want to answer," said Mr Major, quite irrelevantly since it is not yet Opposition Leader's Question Time. "He chats to his honourable friend

The friend was a middleaged, lawyerly-looking indi-vidual whom I had never set eyes on before. No doubt Mr Blair was asking him, like my taxi-driver yesterday: "Are you one of them MPs, then?"

A check with colleagues was no help. One thought it might be one Paul Murphy of Torfaen, a former CND activist, who is naturally now a Labour defence spokesman.

Mr Harry Greenway (C. Ealing N) tried to rally the Tory troops, like Scots after Culloden. "We represent the British people!" he shouted, and to Labour mirth: "Yes, we do! And we always do!"
Oblivious, Mr Blair contin-

ued chatting to Mr Murphy, who possibly was also trying to work out who he was. ("They have a really nice cafe teria here. No, the Conservatives are on that side . . . ")

Andrew Faulds (Lab, Warley E) rose. He was in "Give me liberty or give me death" mode, but then he always is. Why didn't Mr Major "send an expeditionary force under boat under the lunatically immature Redwood to teach the bloody foreigners a lesson?" "This afternoon!" someone velled happily.

Mr Blair continued chatting to Mr Murphy. ("No, that's not Michael Fabricant. I think it's

Pym and the Act of Remon-

strance. Cronwell and the

King are given the Kirsty

larious Peter Snow-style ex-

planation of the indecisive

The choice of the Civil War

when some of the most funda-

consensual constitution were

established, is a pointed one. As the BBC starts to side with

the Crown, manipulating the news agenda and firing the producer with a conscience.

the contemporary resonances

pile up: gagging political par-ties, laws against free assem-

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Kempinski is also remem-

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rian, John Selden, who wrote: "There is not anything in the

world so abused as this sen-

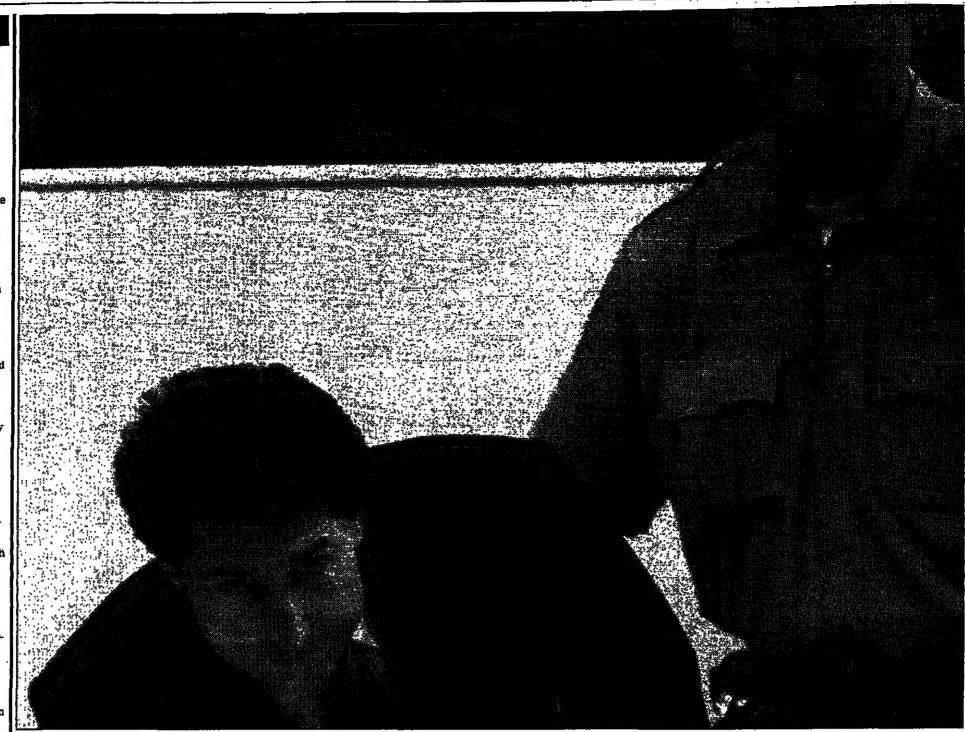
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Bosnian Serb Dusan 'Dusko' Tadic is helped to his seat by a security guard at his trial in the Hague yesterday where he is accused of killing, raping and torturing Muslims and Croats

"Tadic stood where no man has since Goering and Hess"

Ed Vulliamy at the first Bosnian war-crimes trial in the Hague

Tadic yesterday stood where no man has since Hermann Goering and Rudolf Hess at Nuremberg charged with "crimes against humanity" as his trial opened

in The Hague.
The case before the United Nations war-crimes tribunal is the first in Europe since the Allied court established itself among the ruins of the Third

The historic status of the moment was not lost on the special courtroom housed prosecution as it opened its case. Grant Niemann QC, of Australia, said the tribunal bore a heavy burden and that when it is the state that commits the crime, then the com-munity of nations must judge. | abuse and to persecution. He

At the core of the case is the Omarska concentration camp for Muslim and Croat prisoners, uncovered by the Guardian and ITN in August 1992. There, Mr Tadic was alleged to have been one of the perpe-trators of what Mr Niemann

yesterday called the most hor-

rific Serbian violence. Mr Tadic is the first suspect indicted or held by the tribuwithin the headquarters of a Dutch insurance company.
He has pleaded not guilty to
a litany of killings, torture,

Otherwise evil has no is accused of playing a pivotal | the horrors of north-west Bosbounds." | role in the ethnic cleansing | nia | uncovered | by "Western that swept across north-west-ern Bosnia during 1992.

However, Mr Tadic's defence warned that the tribu-nal was working to rules that have not yet been worked out. His counsel, Michail Wladi-miroff, said his client had tried to broker peace in his own village of Kozarac and, having failed, had left to be come a traffic policeman in friends in Kozarac so as to nal to enter the dock of the neighbouring Banja Luka. furnish information to the

Mr Tadic entered court cut- amassing Serbian army. ting a very different figure to the man who had appeared at pre-trial hearings. He had exchanged his sports jacket and | Muslims who emerged from white polo-necked sweater for their basements with white a solemn navy suit and tie.

nia uncovered by "Western media" — the Guardian, ITN and Newsday. First, there was the razing of the mainly Muslim Kozarac, then the in-famous camps at Kereterm, Trnopolje and, "the most hor-rific", Omarska. Mr Niemann claimed Mr

The prosecutor said that, zarac was over, columns of a solemn navy suit and tie. Ilags were herded down the The prosecution outlined main street while Mr Tadic

had been a pile of 20 corpses beside the road: all innocent civilians. The prosecution claimed

a camp guard nor a command-er, Mr Tadic enjoyed a special status which gave him a free run of camps, along with others who were "sadistically predisposed towards vioence". Mr Niemann said Mr Tadic, who became a reserve policeman, would arrive at Omarska with lists of names of Muslims singled out for especially brutal treatment.

In one incident, Mr Tadic was alleged to have forced prisoners to perform oral sex upon each other before they were sexually mutilated. One

In Trnopolje, another camp revealed by the Guardian in August 1992, Mr Tadic was alleged to have taken part in the killing of at least 30 prisoners, tortured 12 women and participated in gang rapes. Mr Tadic is also accused of

took aside men and shot leading mobs which stormed them. Mr Niemann said there Muslim villages and killed

Mr Wladimiroff, a Dutch-Russian, portrayed his client as a victim of mistaken identity, a scapegoat and guinea-plg plucked from the chaos of war. The accused man has sacked two Serbian lawyers in favour of British barristers to assist Mr Wladimiroff. The defence counsel said "the thirst for revenge must not be set aside at the well of polluted justice". He warned of the dangers of high media exposure and low-

quality justice.
Mr Wladimiroff said: "Dusko Tadic is being promoted as the prototype war criminal. I hold the leaders of all parties in the former Yugo-

man was said to have been made to bite off the testicles of prisoners due to testify against their alleged torturer. Conditions in the camps "pro vided the stuff of rumour and the need for a scapegoat".

last several months, and will bring former camp inmates face-to-face with their alleged

Britain tries to save face in spy row with Russia

RITAIN was trying to reach a face-saving com-promise last night over Russia's claim that it had un-

tion at the Ramshorn Theatre gets most of this across clearly enough, but she could do with some of the resources lav-ished on Maydance. Television news is slick and glossy; this show is neither. Some of the dancers in Maydance, by contrast, might be more inter-esting without those miles of organza and tulle. As it was, the six Highland dancers,

part — such as a free press — the whole edifice quickly using a pared down version of full Highland regalia and dipping a toe into the waters of Riverdance, got some of the warmest applause of the night.

Results in the Complement.

But Russia's foreign minister. Yevgeny try was desperately trying to soften the blow to Anglowarmest applause of the night.

Russian relations, and Russian government Kempinski's basic conceit is to tell the story of the English civil war as if it were being reported by the suppos-

David Hearst and James Meek In Mo and Richard Norton-Taylor

covered an MI6 spy ring, amid growing signs of bitter internal feuding in Moscow over the handling of the affair. The hawks of Russia's Fed-

eral Security Service (FSB) appeared to be in control over appeared to be in control over the spy row — the worst since the end of the cold war — insisting on the expulsion of nine diplomats from the British Embassy, more than a mbassador. Sir Andrew thanth of its complement

conspicuously avoided put-ting a figure on the number of embassy staff facing expul-sion — a fact seized upon by the Foreign Office in London. It is highly unlikely that the embassy would have as many as nine career intelligence officers.

A possible compromise could involve agreement on a much lower figure — perhaps involving diplomats who were due to leave anyway. Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

Wood, had met Russia's for-'We welcome the fact that the

discussed its concerns with negative impact of what has embassy staff called for summit, Mr Clinton said that us — that is important."

An FO spokesman said later good spirit of Russian-British ness led to speculation that ala's claim for a revision of An FO spokesman said later that a report of Sir Andrew's meeting with Mr Primakov had been received in London.

The spokesman said a number of issues needed to be clarifled with the Russians.

On Monday, Mr Rifkind had warned that the threatened expulsion of nine British diplomats would be met with a "significant response". His warning is likely to have en-

Karasin, was fighting to keep However, there was no fur-relations with Britain on an ther confirmation from Mr

He said: "We think the most

relations." Earlier, Alexander Zdanovich, the FSB spokesman, said that Sir Andrew had al-ready been presented with a list of nine "intelligence officers who worked under the cover of diplomats"

Mr Zdanovich said: "Expelled are those who, in one way or another, are linked to the case of the agent counsel caution.

In Moscow, the foreign ministry spokesman. Grigori information."

Karasin on the key question of the number of British dip-lomats being expelled. He the fact that the calm and to sweep away all would only say that the activigovernment emotions and not to let the ties of a number of British

concrete decisions. His vague-ness led to speculation that his minister, Mr Primakov, might be seeking to limit the damage caused by such a large number of expulsions. Britain was seeking support from other Western embassies

in Moscow on possible expulions. The ambassadors of Germany and the United States met Sir Andrew in the morning, and it was later reported that the US president, Bill Clinton, had spoken

by telephone to Russia's presi-dent, Boris Yeltsin. The Interfax news agency reported that they had discussed bilateral ties and the forthcoming conference on the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, which Russia has failed to fully implement. After last month's Moscow

he was prepared to back Rus-sia's claim for a revision of the forces it could hold on its western and southern flanks.

The British Embassy chose yesterday to announce that it sians for visa applications for the first time since 1964. From next week, a standard single entry visa to Britain will cost the rouble equivalent of £33. An air of intrigue also con-

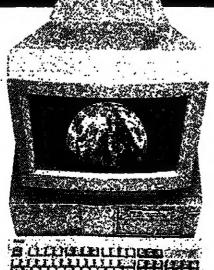
tinued to hang over Russia's presidential election campaign yesterday as the man named to head the parade to mark victory in the second world war, General Leontin Kuznetsov, warned the poll could lead to civil war.

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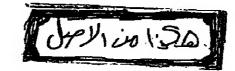
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Boy's killer 'played out depraved sex fantasy'

Owen Bowcott hears how two paedophiles snatched nine-year-old Daniel Handley from the street as he played on his bike

phile fantasies about abducting, sexually debauching and murdering children, snatched nine-yearold Daniel Handley from an east London street, the Old

Timothy Morss, aged 33, a florist from Leyton, east London, and Brett Tyler, aged 30, unemployed and of no fixed address, tricked the boy into their car and drove him to a mini-cab office in Camberwell, south London, where they buggered him, said John Bevan, prosecuting. On the same Sunday evening in October 1994, the two men, who were lovers, persuaded Dan-

they would take him home. Instead, the court heard, near junction 14 on the M4. After they promised they would not kill him, he was strangled in the back seat with a length of rope. Driving on to Bradley Stoke, north of shallow grave and buried the body before returning to

WO former prisoners | Bevan, after foxes had un-who shared paedo- earthed his bones. earthed his bones.

Morss, who changed his plea half an hour before yesterday's hearing, admitted charges of abduction, buggery and murder. Tyler, who had admitted taking next in the

admitted taking part in the killing in a police interview, yesterday pleaded guilty to abducting and buggering Daniel, but denied murder.

Bevan warned the jury of eight men and four women that the evidence was deeply disturbing, "What you will hear is about as depressing an example of the dark side of manity to man and downright wickedness, as you could

"If that sounds like acts of callous inhumanity and de-pravation beyond belief, unfortunately that is what this case is about ... the deliberate abduction, abuse and murder of an innocent nineyear-old. purely for the pur-pose of fulfilling their lust." Solely at issue, the court was told, was the question of whether Morss alone, or both murder. Was Tyler a particiered six months later, said Mr pant with Morss in the killing their sexual fantasies.



or could he claim to be merely Even though Tyler retracted his confession and gave another account a month afterwards, that second statement should still be sufficient to convict him of

murder, said Mr Bevan. The idea of snatching a boy off the street had developed when Tyler and Morss met while serving sentences in Wormwood Scrubs prison in lovers and began discussing

In his first interview, Tyler told police how he and Morss gone out for a drive around Reckton, east London. because it was a quiet afternoon. "We were just looking at the boys, the usual bobby."

bike. He took a side street so we turned round and went map in the back of the car, asked him to show us where we were and pushed him in."

Their victim was Daniel still be alive today." Mr

From a deprived back ground, Daniel used to pick up extra pocket money by collecting trolleys from the local Asda supermarket. His mother, Maxine, had five children, though not all of them lived at home.

cycle, was allowed out on his own as long as he was home by 6pm. On the evening in

After the killing, Morss and Tyler fled to the Philippines. There they fell out and came to blows, with Morss returning first to Britain.

Tyler stayed on in a remote house, along with male friends, near Manilla, "Child sex was available there regularly." the court heard. Even-tually he was detained by the Philippines authorities and visiting Metropolitan Police detectives before being ex-pelled and returned to Britain.

PM calls for European **BSE** summit

ment over the beef criday as it emerged that John Major has intervened with Jacques Santer, the president of the European Com-mission and the Italian presi-dency of the European Union suggesting that an emergency summit of heads of govern-ment may be needed to ham-

The move - which would rapidly raise the tension be-tween Britain and fellow EU states and expose the Prime Minister to international humiliation if it failed — was being put forward as one of a range of options by Downing Street last night. An emergency summit could follow if agriculture ministers and the EU's veterinary experts fail to reach a solution involving at least a partial lifting of the ban at meetings scheduled over the next forinight.

A government spokesman said: "The Prime Minister has written to President Santer. If the normal meetings do not get us anywhere we have to look at other ways of resolving the crisis urgently."
The letter expressed Mr

Major's agitation over the delay in reaching a solution and his concern for rapid movement towards lifting the ban on British beef exports following the BSE scare. The EU's veterinary ex-

perts will meet in Brussels today, but will not discuss the beef crisis or lifting the worldwide export ban on by-products such as gelatine, talow or semen, as British min-isters had hoped. Franz Fischler, the Aus-

rian agriculture commissioner, who had implied on Monday that he might recommend lifting the byproducts ban when the commission also meets this morning, was thought last night to be unlikely to do so. Commission officials said he would only recommend that the ban might be reconsidered if it was thought likely that a mawould agree — an unlikely prospect for several weeks.

A commission spokesman said: "The Prime Minister in his letter mentions the possibility of calling a special

We are also concerned about the situation and are doing our best to create the condi-tions for a rapid solution."

Meanwhile, in London, one of Britain's leading industri-alists blamed Britain — and ment — for the beef crisis rather than the EU, where most Tories and commenta tors have sought to place the

man of Unilever, which owns the beefourger company Birds Eye Walls, said: "There is a tendency in some quarters to abroad, particularly in the hands of our European part-ners. This is not where they lie. They lie at home and it is here, in the UK, where the so-

here, in the UK, where the so-lutions must be sought."
He told Unilever's annual meeting: "The sound and fury that has accompanied the handling of the BSE crisis must not be allowed to spill relations and get in the way of our positive commitment to

the single market." Officials in Brussels last night found it difficult to see where an emergency heads of schedule of regular meetings arranged for the next few weeks. Foreign ministers meet next week and agricul-ture ministers the week after and the six monthly summit of heads of government is due in Florence in just over six

weeks' time. There has been no sign that any other member states favour softening the ban until there is clear evidence that BSE has been eradicated from British herds. The Spanish have demanded all English cows be destroyed and the Irish have said the ban would

last for months.

Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ture Secretary, has spent the last two days fruitlessly try-ing to convince his fellow Otranto, southern Italy, that at least there should be the prospect of a partial lifting of the ban sometime soon.

Any emergency meeting would have to be called by the Italian government, which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers, but the newly elected government of Romano Prodi, which takes power in Rome next week, is

Juventus weigh | Sky's the limit as up venue change TV goes digital

John Hooper in Rome

MEETING to be held in Turin tomorrow is expected to decide whether Juventus will become the first large European soccer club to abandon its city of origin and migrate. Americanstyle, to another part of

Following the breakdown of talks on Monday be-tween the club, the local council and the owners of the city's Delle Alpi stadium, Turin's mayor, Valentino Castellani, said: There is a definite possibility that Juventus will not be playing at the Delle

Alpi next year."
Mr Castellani added that the club was considering a move to Bologna, more move to Bologna, more than 200 miles away.

A statement from Juventus last night said: "We confirm that we shall be taking an official position after Thursday's meeting."

At the centre of the affair is the Delle Alpi ground itself, used by both Juventus and Torino, who are due to be relegated. Built for the 1990 World Cup with the help of a £13.5 million government subsidy, it has become a monument to the profligacy of politicians.

According to the firm which built it, the stadium

cost 290 million — more than three times what was budgeted. The builders went bankrupt and their obligations were assumed by their bankers at the Istituto San Paolo, which has until 2020 to recover what it can.

But maintenance costs are running at between £4 million and £5.4 million

a year. And last year, Juventus and Torino paid rent of £585,000 and £270,000 respectively.

Mr Castellani said be understood it would cost
Juventus just £225,000 to
play in Bologna. If the club
were to leave, "the only solution would be to tear the stadium down. It is a disas-ter — a metaphor for the madness of the 1980s."

Torino are reported to have been investigating the possibility of playing in Novara, about 50 miles away but, unlike Bologna, still within Piedmont.

American football and baseball teams often move grounds. But in Europe, all but a handful of minor sides have stayed in the towns and cities where they were formed, and where they are seen — particu-larly in Italy — as expressions of local pride.

Founded by expatriate Britons, Juventus is owned by the Agnelli family, which also owns the cargiant, Fiat. Mr Castellani yesterday appealed to the family and the Istituto San Paolo "to collaborate in

finding a solution". For the councillor responsible for sport in the regional government of Pledmont, Antonello Ange-leri, the two clubs' reported plans were 'proof that these days sport is merely a

question of economics".

But Bologna's mayor.

Walter Vitali, said: "I sincerely hope the problem can be resolved and that Juventus will play their [next] championship at the Delle Alpi, in Turin. Otherwise, it would be traumatic—some would be traumatic - something which has never be- cost to take out the video, fore happened in Italy."

Tarantino's Pulp Piction showing every 15 minutes on television was raised by the satellite broad-caster, BSkyB, yesterday when it committed itself for the first time to digital TV. Satellite TV will expand by

hundreds of channels provid-ing pay-per-view and video on demand services before the end of next year under BSkvB's plans.

It has agreed to lease capacity for up to 150 channels on a satellite which will be isunched in the autumn of 1997. More will follow, with a target of 500 channels which would be serviced by joint ventures involving new and existing TV companies, expected to include Virgin, the BBC, and Granada.

"By the autumn of 1997 we will have the satellite capacity in place and we will roll out our digital service from then," said BSkyB director, Richard Brooke.

Digital signals will provide better picture and sound quality. They also require less sat-ellite capacity, cutting transmission costs, and opening the possibility of films virtu-ally on demand because the same film can be broadcast on

15-minute intervals. The move to hundreds of higher quality channels will also introduce widespread pay-per-view operations. Sam Chisholm, BSkyB managing director, said yesterday: There will be 100 channels offering pay-per-view movies. Pulp Fiction every quarter of an hour for less than it would probably about £2."

the transition from analogue to digital transmission because of the possible impact on its subscribers, who would need a "black box" set-top decoder. Mr Brooke said full analogue services would be provided in parallel to digital

who did not wish to switch.

He had earlier reported a continued rise in subscriber numbers which fuelled a 45 per cent increase in profits in the last three months. An additional 149,000 subscribers were signed up in the quarter. bringing the total for Britain and Ireland to 5.3 million, or roughly one in five house-holds. For the first time the number of new cable subscrib-ers was higher than those receiving programmes di-rectly via a satellite dish, who yield higher revenues for Sky. But in another first, Sky

recorded more than a tenth of total British TV viewing in the week ending March 17.

BSkyB sales during the quarter were £272 million, resulting in profit before tax of £71 million, up from £49 million in the same quarter last year. The figures are ex-pected to lead to higher prof-its at Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, which owns 40 per cent of BSkyB and reports its latest results this morning. Sky revealed yesterday that last month's Bruno Tyson boxing match, the first pay-per-view event in Britain was not a financial success One in seven, or 660,000 sub-scribers, paid a minimum £9.99 on top of their regular subscriptions to watch the world heavyweight hout at 4 am on March 17, bringing in about 25 million. But Mr

Brooke said profits had been

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provision.

Sally Witcher, director of the Child Poverty Action Group: "The welfare state needs to change because it doesn't respond to current day needs. Chris Smith says

regarded as a secure option, but then neither can the pri-

Tony Baker, deputy direc-tor general of the Associa-tion of British Insurers: The problem is that long term care insurance is an expensive product. But as

more people want to buy a policy, the costs of cover will come down. More insurers will want to come into the market which will also bring down the cost and

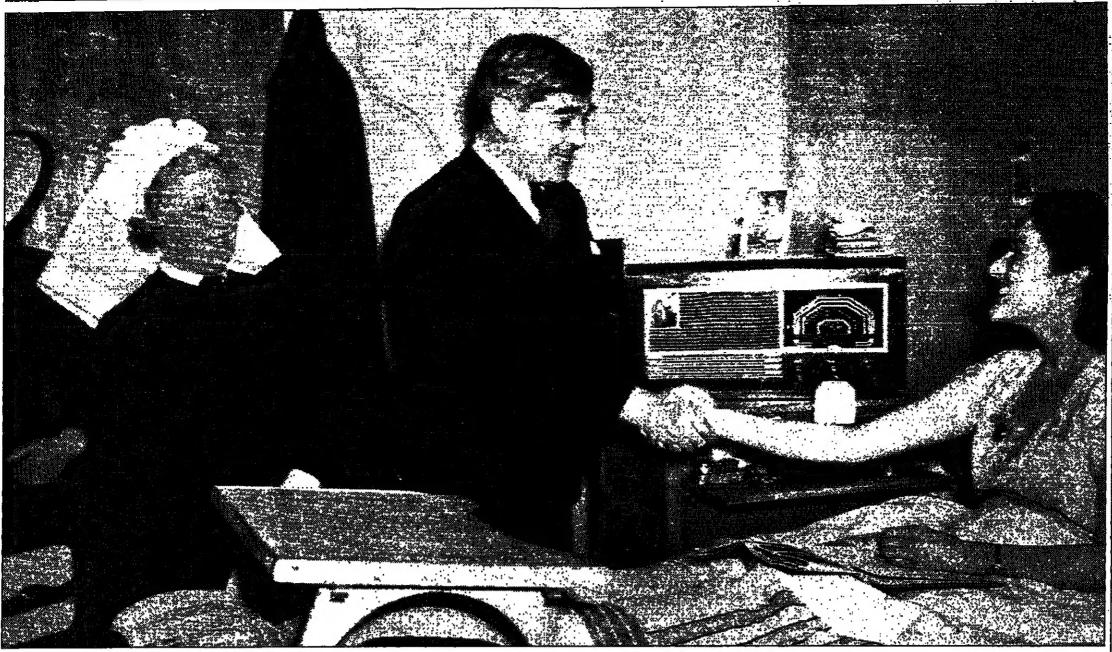
Sally Greengross, director of Age Concern: "One prob-lem the Government needs to address is the extent to which many older people have little confidence in a system which has gone through massive change in

increase benefits."

the state cannot be

MERVYN Kohler, head of public affairs, Help The

Aged: "This is an issue which Beveridge didn't grapple with because he didn't have to. The idea of using an insurance vehicle to pay for care is something we applaud provided it is universal. The narrow opt-ing in proposals which Stephen Dorrell has un-veiled will only help people with the money to pay for Madsen Pirle, president of the Adam Smith Institute: "The welfare state has pro-vided a districentive to self-



Nye Beyan, Labour Minister of Health, visiting Papworth hospital, a centre for tubercular diseases, in May 1948, just before the National Health Service came into operation

'Cradle to grave' contract rewritten

David Brindle on Tory and Labour announcements which will be seen as a watershed in the understanding and expectations of the welfare state despite claims to honour the spirit of Beveridge

T WAS Churchill, not Beveridge, who coined the phrase "cradle to grave" to describe the all-encompassing nature of the social security programme which for half a century has been the bedrock of

The words have, however come to be synonymous with Beveridge and everything that his 1942 report stood for: certainty of state protection through social insurance at all times of vulnerability — particularly unemployment, ill health and old age.

ments by the Conservative and Labour parties will be seen as watershed in the understanding and expecta-tion of the welfare state. If the cradle to grave contract has not been broken, it has certainly been re-written with riders and small print. Although both parties will

insist they are continuing to honour the spirit of Beveridge, their proposals and rhetoric amount to a shift of emphasis from the state as provider to the state as enabler. As Stephen Dorrell, Health

Secretary, said: "As life ex-

comes progressively more im- of all provision, the regulator portant to ensure that sufficient provision is made to enable retired people to enjoy a comfortable and fulfilling retirement. The principal res-ponsibility for making that provision must rest with the individual citizen.

And as Chris Smith, the shadow social security secre-tary, argued: "Some argue that it is only the state that can possibly deliver all the elements of proper social secu-rity. I disagree. Of course there are some things that only the state can do. But the principle must surely be that | cepts such as citizenship and pectancy increases, it be the state acts as the guarantor equality of opportunity.

ministrator of some." The term "welfare state" was popularised by the then Archbishop of Canterbury in

of all provision — and the ad-

contrasted the idea with that of a "power state" which had no moral or spiritual commitment to its people. The term came to be ap-plied to the whole range of

social reforms instigated by Beveridge and others: modern social security provision, the NHS, the education system and even less tangible con-

we are to ensure that it responds to modern needs and if we are to ensure also that some of the harm done in recent years is redressed."

This acknowledgement that first fruits of that process. Labour government would

ease, ignorance, squalor and

idleness. Mr Smith asserted that all five were still roam-

ing the land, and added two

more of his own — insecurity

Referring to the post-war Labour government, he said:

The welfare state created

then has changed over time.

It needs to change further if

and exclusion.

Beveridge set out to slay the | overhaul the welfare state | was started by Petar Lilley, five "giant evils" of want, dis- comes more than three years | the Social Security Secretary after John Smith, the then party leader, set up the Com-mission on Social Justice to analyse policies which could enable every individual to live free from want". The commission is said by

critics to have been long on analysis, short on proposals. Chris Smith was subsequently told by Tony Blair. Labour leader, to go away and in the headline shorthand "think the unthinkable" about benefit reforms. Yester-

For the Government, action

was not curbed, it would "throttle economic growth". The deleted P4

Yesterday's consultation proposals on private insurance for long-term care have been driven both by the costs pressure — if the state was to underwrite such care — and the public outcry over the realisation that it is not. But while the plans come from the same stable as Mr Lilley's earlier curbs on invalidity, memployment and housing benefits, they represent, too, a step-change in assumptions about the welfare state.



Nancy Loud with husband George PHOTOGRAPH: GUY NEWMAN long-term security with

Case One

'Betrayed' carer brands insurance plans an insult after £100,000 bill

NANCY Loud, who has spent more than £100,000 on nursing home fees for her 86-year-old husband, has decried the Gov-

running at around £20,000 a year, Nancy, who is 80, says it is dishonest of the Government to pretend people can insure their old age for a sum which would keep them in a home for

health care for the elderly cally turned every two and feels betrayed by the promises made when the welfare state was established in 1948 that everyone would receive care then we would not have to

from cradle to grave.

She cared for her husband, George, a former butcher, for nine years after he developed Alzheimer's disease. After a Loud has used to pay the 15-month spell in hospital bills. She refuses to conin 1988 he was discharged sider what will happen into a private nursing when that money runs out.

more intensive nursing With nursing home bills care than was available

there.

Devon, said: "I was given no choice in what followed. was told he was being transferred to a private nursing home, and that was it. He is unable to walk or She is furious at the feed himself, has regular effective privatisation of fits and needs to be physi-

> pay."
> The Louds had not saved to meet nursing fees, but had accumulated substantial savings, which Mrs

'My granddad was there when the state needed him. But now he's on his own'

Teresa Hunter

DAVID Bez (right) has been told to sell his grandpar-ents' house to meet their nursing home fees - his reward for sacrificing his career to care for them as their health deteriorated. Soon, he will be 30, unem-ployed and homeless. Mr Bez grew up with his grandparents after his mother died of cancer and

considers their house, in Manchester, his home. An illustrator by profession, his work was increasingly placed on a back-burner as he spent more time caring for them. Two years ago his grand-

mother's Alzheimer's worsmed and she was taken into a nursing home. Then shortly before Christmas his grand-lather began to suffer from chronic breathing problems He was taken into a nursing home for six weeks' care but

has had to stay indefinitely.

Mr Bez was devastated to be ordered, out of the blue, to put the house on the market

and have their possessions valued, ready for sale. He said: "The house is only worth £45,000 — so by the time that amount is divided between both of them and they are allowed to keep their

minimum savings limit, it won't buy much care anyway. "My granddad worked all his life, paying tax and national insurance. He fought there when the state neede him. But when he needs the

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Dorrell acts to save nest eggs from state Richard Thomas on a scheme aimed at keeping 'natural' Tory voters on side

TEPHEN Dorrell, the pect of 40,000 natural Tory voters each year being made to sell their houses. net's nest with his blueprint for ending the politically disastrous situation of thousands of pensioners having to sell their homes to pay for

their own care. His plan aims to help people to pass on their assets - primarily in the form of property — to their children, promot-ing the Tory ideal of a "cas-cade of wealth" down the

But Labour and pensioner pressure groups attacked the measure as beyond the reach of most pensioners and a further shift towards their hav-ing to pay their own care

On top of the Conservative drubbing in last week's local government elections, the Government faces the pros-

Care resources required to keep pace with

demographic change. (Index 1991=100)

At present people with as-sets over £10,000 have to pay part of the costs of their care, while someone worth more than £16,000 has to pay for all of it until the savings are run down to the threshold. Mr Dorrell's solution

which he hopes to put on the statute books after a four to five week consultation pro-cess — is to increase this threshold for people who buy insurance against their care The state has never auto-

matically picked up the tab for non-medical care in old age, as Mr Dorrell repeatedly pointed out yesterday, but as the number living long enough to need care has spi-ralled the Government has

Growing cost of care

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The Health Secretary said the over-75s now made up more than 7 per cent of the population, up from 4.7 per cent 25 years ago. Spending on the elderly by social services departments had more than doubled since 1979 to

£3.4 billion.

Under Mr Dorrell's scheme, an individual who bought £40,000 worth of insurance cover would protect assets up to the value of £56,000. A more processors are the control lead in his generous option listed in his paper would increase the means test threshold by £1.50 for each £1 of insurance paid

For those already in need of care, or on the point of receiving it, Mr Dorrell proposes that the purchase of an "im-mediate needs" care annuity an investment vehicle — to contribute towards care costs could also be offset against any future means test. But he admitted that such

policies were expensive and likely to remain out of the reach of most elderly people.



Stephen Dorrell ... urging Source. Age Concern insurance to meet care costs

Mervyn Kohler, head of public affairs for the charity Help the Aged, said: "How are the large numbers of pensioners who live on a very low income but do not receive means-tested benefits going to find the money to pay for

For a man of 65, the cost of a one-off insurance premium against all future care costs could be £10,000, according to insurance industry experts money which few pensioners have at their fingertips.
But most welfare commentators last night said the pro-

such a scheme?



posal was a step in the right

director at the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies, said: "The principle of co-insurance, allowing people to get some benefit from provid-ing for their own needs, is really the only sensible way forward."

Mr Dorrell insisted that any insurance policy, how-ever small, would reward the 'thrifty and responsible" allowing people to guard their hard-won nest eggs from the

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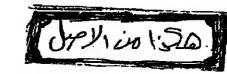
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New powers for inspectors as controversial report finds poor reading standards in three inner London boroughs

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ILLIAN Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, yesterday launched an attack on "trendy" teaching methods in schools and teacher training

colleges.
She gave inspectors new powers to test children in the classroom and called on governors to sack ineffective

A highly critical report yes-terday by the Office for Stan-dards in Education on the way reading was taught in three inner London boroughs is to be followed by an investigation of the teaching of nu-meracy in three other low-performing authorities as part of a back to basics drive. Ofsted and local authority

inspectors found nearly eight out of 10 seven-year-olds in Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets were behind in reading, and four out of 10 11-year-olds were two years behind. The gulf in pupils' reading performance was serious and unacceptable.

Mrs Shephard said she would introduce legislation to give Ofsted powers to test children in schools where they suspected standards were low, and to inspect local education authorities as well as individual schools.

The report clearly identifled poor leadership and poor teaching as the main reasons why hundreds of children in these London boroughs are being so badly let down

"I would expect these authorities and the governors who are the employers con-cerned to consider very seriously whether they can go on failing children."

Promising league tables of teacher training colleges and

Chris Woodhead: re-wrote parts of the report

university departments based on Ofsted inspections, she endorsed the conclusion of Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector, that ineffective teach-

ing methods were to blame.
The report, which was redrafted by Mr Woodhead to the anger of the three authorities which collaborated in the survey, said; "At the heart of the problem is a commitment to methods and approaches to the teaching of reading that were self-evidently not working ..." Mrs Shephard said: "There

could be no clearer indict-ment. It will not do." The report found a quarter of schools were not resourced effectively to teach the national curriculum requirements for reading, but Mrs Shephard said resources were not the

Her campaign marks the growing influence of Mr Woodhead, the head of Ofsted, who will issue back to basic guidelines on teaching meth-ods, emphasising the need for phonics and whole-class

teaching.
The report says that direct,

The deleted passages

PASSAGES deleted from the final report by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector,

"Most of these characteristics bilingualism, poverty, pupil and staff turnover were outside the control of the schools and where schools faced a combination of them their

task was a difficult one." A SIGNIFICANTLY DI proportion of the pupils in the 45 schools had special educational needs, or spoke English as an additional language, or came from deprived backgrounds."

"Weaknesses do not occur because the teachers are less well qualified or more inept than their

colleagues elsewhere . . . teaching reading in many of these schools is a particularly difficult task for which the teachers are not always well prepared."

"Overwhelmingly the teachers involved in this survey present themselves as pragmatic, non-doctrinaire people who want to have at their disposal the highest possible repertoire of skills teaching reading."

"The quality of teaching of reading was satisfactory or better in approximately two-thirds of the lessons observed in Year 2" was changed to to read: "In one third of these the quality of teaching was unsatisfactory

UK 'scores low on education'

Stephen Bates finds EU figures belie ministers' spending claims

ONTRARY to the Gov-ernment's claims, Brit-ain spends a lower percentage of its national wealth on education than any other European state, according to

EU figures yesterday.

The survey also shows that
British teachers take some of the biggest classes in the big-gest schools in Europe and for more hours than virtually anywhere else. The figures are drawn largely from data compiled by member states and bodies such as the Organisation for Economic Co-opera-

tion and Development.
As for pupils, the report shows some of the lowest participation rates in nursery education, the lowest proportion of teenagers reaching an advanced standard in the sixth form, and the smallest proportion going on to read technical subjects such as engineering at university.

British pupils learn fewer foreign languages for a shorter period than those anywhere else except in Ire-isand. In the rest of Europe 88 per cent of secondary pupils learn English, while only 32 per cent take French and 19 per cent take German.

Figures for education spending as a proportion of gross domestic product show that ministers claims that Britain spends a higher pro-portion of its wealth on education are no longer correct. OECD figures for 1992 show Britain spending 4.1 per cent of GDP on education, com-pared with 5.9 in France and

7.9 in Finland. Even Germany, with which ministers often make comparisons, spends 4.9 per cent of its GDP when spending on public and private institu-tions is taken into account.

Class sizes in England are larger than anywhere else except Ireland, and have not been falling in recent years as they have in other states. British schools tend to be the largest, with 214 pupils in primaries and 753 in second

aries on average compared with 108 and 578 in France. British teachers have to work longer hours than many EU colleagues. The figures are not clear cut, since teachers in many states have fewer compulsory teaching hours but longer working days over-all. British teachers work

1,265 compulsory hours

year, while the French work a maximum of 630 hours. British teachers' pay has been on an upward curve, un-like salaries in many other states. British classroom teachers hit an earnings ceiling quicker than their colleagues on the Continent.

The battle in Ferncroft Avenue has cost one of the residents in the property at least £1 million in legal and other fees.



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Ban on Cuba trade may spread to Libya and Iran

US trade penalties outrage Europe

John Palmer in Brussels

HE European Union warned last night that it is heading for a serious diplomatic and trade confrontation with the United States over laws that would penalise European businesses, trading with Cuba, Iran or Libya and bar their executives from enter-ing the US.

EU governments, already outraged by the passing of US sanctions against Cuba which could lead to the blacklisting of thousands of European and other non-US businesses, fear that similar measures de-signed to hit trade with Iran and Libya could be adopted

by Congress within days.

The British government has privately warned the Clinton administration that it may bar US citizens from entering Britain if British executives are prevented from travelling freely to the United States because of the anti-

Congress has introduced the sanctions against Cuba after the shooting down of two aircraft piloted by Cuban exiles earlier this year. Havana said the planes were violating Cuban airspace.

The European Union last year began what it described

opment yesterday the Euro-pean Commission said that insufficient progress had been made on improving human rights in Cuba to start promised negotiations with Havana on a trade and co-op-

The European Union has also decided to continue its "critical dialogue" with Iran despite US declarations of disapproval. Libya, meanwhile, has been excluded from a new agreement linking the EU with Mediterrapean coastal

states. United States officials flew to Brussels yesterday to brief European businesses on the practical impact of the Helms-Burton anti-Cuba legislation. They warned that senior executives and shareholders in companies trading with Cuba could be refused entry to the US and businesses accused of trading with Cuba also risked being refused the right to raise capital on American money markets.

"It is too early to say exactly how many people will be affected," one US official said. aithough he admitted: "It could be in the hundreds. It could be in the thousands."

Under the Helms-Burton law, any Individual benefiting from investments in

ment" with Cuba to encour- | businesses or property confisage economic and political cated by the Cuban govern-links but in a separate develment from American interment from American inter-ests could be named as a "trafficker" and barred from entering the US. The officials said a special committee in Washington would identify traffickers.

European Commission offi-cials reacted furiously yester-day to the threatened action. "This is a completely unjustified extra-territorial extension of US legislation," one said. The commission has already taken the issue to the World Trade Organisation in a step that could lead to full-scale legal action against the US. The British government,

which traditionally bas sought to mediate in disputes between the US and the EU, is particularly indignant over Congress's action. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-tary, has issued a number of private and public warnings to Washington that the Helms-Burton law would create a dangerous precedent in international trade.

Although trade between the EU and Cuba is modest, Euro-pean businesses are alarmed at the prospect of similar sanctions against non-US companies doing business

US poll opens race wounds

Jonathan Freedland

HE Democrats of North racially-charged choice between the party's old guard and its army of modernisers yesterday, in a bitterly fought contest which threatened to send shockwaves through the leadership of black America.

Hundreds of thousands of the state's Democrats went to the polls yesterday to choose a candidate to take on the arch-conservative Republican Senator Jesse Helms in November. Last-minute opinion polls showed the race - between Harvey Gantt, the black former mayor of Char-lotte, and Charlie Sanders. mer chairman of the Glaxo pharmaceuticals giant — too

The contest has become the focus of intense national scrutiny, watched as a test of black strength in a changing Democratic Party. Mr Sanders had campaigned on the claim that only he could beat Mr Helms — widely inter-preted to mean that only a white candidate could win in North Carolina, where southern traditions and prejudices still hold strong. Mr Gantt told the Guardian last week that the Sanders campaign

But defections among several leading black activists Senator Helms in a vicious campaign in 1990 - highlighted a growing realisation within the African-American community that even talented

bility" problems. The Gantt-Sanders battle also represented a clash of past and future within the Democratic Party. With a lifetime of service in the state machine. Mr Gantt epito-

News in brief

affirmed their determination

to give the organisation the political clout and the physi-

cal capability to undertake

military operations on behalf of the European Union, writes

At a meeting in Birming-ham yesterday, several mea-

David Fairhall.

ers, by contrast, is one of a new breed of Democratic candidates to have emerged in 1996 — millionaire business men, with no electoral experience, able to cash in on the current US appetite for politi-cal "outsiders".

Fostered by Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey, the chairman of the Demoratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, these new candidates have two clear advantages: deep pock-ets and no political baggage. The so-called Kerrey Million-aires include Elliot Close in South Carolina, Tom Bruggere in Oregon and Walter Minnick in Idaho. The Speaker of the Hpuse of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, also faces a member of the Democrats' new model army in his own Georgia district —

cookie tycoon Michael Coles. Mr Gantt sought to use Mr Sanders's corporate past against him, suggesting that Glavo had given large cash gifts to Mr Helms. Mr Gantt claimed he was the "real Democrat" in the race, casting his Texas-born opponent as a carpetbagger who didn't even vote in the 1990 senate race and who gave a \$1,000 (£650) donation to the former Republican president George

Mr Sanders shot back, arguing that only he had the "real world" experience needed in the senate. He ran TV ads in which he wears a doctor's white coat - even though he hadn't practiced medicine for

more than 15 years. Both candidates agreed that the winner would have a good chance of unseating Mr Helms. More than 500,000 newcomers have registered in North Carolina since 1990. and many of them are in the liberal, hi-tech area around Raleigh known as the Research Triangle. Mr Helms also recently fell out with his machine. Mr Gantt epitomised the old-style candidate
a professional politician
and party animal. Mr Sandyears in the Senate.

Ministers support military role for WEU

information with Nato and

make use of the alliance's resources, a five-year programme of military exercises,

and access to Britain's naval

Paradoxically, these moves have coincided with the six-

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DEFENCE and foreign own initiatives: the establishment of a situation centre, agreements to share classified

CBS offers free air time for presidential candidates

Martin Walker in Washington

OBS yesterday became the first of the "big three" American television networks to announce free air time for presidential candidates to address the

voters — a breakthrough in principle that may prove less generous in practice. To the disappointment of campaigners who want the United States to follow the British model of special po-litical broadcasts, CBS said it would find the time within its existing news programmes, and would not screen the politicians in prime time.

Rupert Murdoch's Fox one hour of free air time, and 10 one-minute slots for "position statements". NBC is promising "a related an-nouncement" soon, and the pressure is on ABC to join what critics call "the conspiracy to give up money". More than \$300 million (£200 million) was spent on television advertising for the 1992 presidential election. For the past six months, the Clinton cam-paign has spent \$1 million a

week on television advertising in key states.

The campaign for free air time is led by the veteran news anchor Walter Cronkite and the former Washington Post political washi ington Post political repor-ter Paul Taylor. Their aim is to improve the quality of political discourse by sup-plementing the brief news sound-bite and the 30second television advertise-ment with a month of daily two- to five-minute candi-date statements.

Although the network news ran 20 per cent more stories on this year's pri-maries than in 1992, the average sound-bite of candidate statements fell to 7.2

as an alternative to Nato in

situations where the United

States is not involved.
In theory, the WEU could

take over responsibility from

the Nato-led peace implemen-tation force in Bosnia at the

end of the year, but opera-

tions on this scale have not yet been seriously proposed.

Exit polls make Congress poor second

in New Delhi

NDIA'S traditional party of government, the Congress, second yesterday, according to exit polis on the final main round of the general election. The exit polls, televised for the first time on the state-congave the Congress 30 per cent of the popular vote, six points down from the last election.

tain parts of the country, the BJP and its allies are likely to take 192 seats, making it by far the biggest party in parlia-ment. It had 119 seats in 1991. Congress's tally fell from 260 to 142 seats. The National Front-Left Front alliance of regional parties was projected

to win 134 seats, leaving 67 for non-affiliated parties. The exit 10 per cent margin of error, and are considered more ac-curate in forecasting vote Its main challenger, the rightwing Hindu Bharatiya
Janata Party, increased its and for all but a few seats the share by 6 points, taking it to final, round in the cleanest

ote is concentrated in cer- recent memory. Eighty people convince members of his own lation, and the yawning gap in parts of the country, the died in election violence, comparing and its allies are likely to pared with 300 in 1991. Although counting will not

polls. It is far from certain that it will be capable of find-ing enought allies to form the

next government The future of the prime he is capable of putting

begin until this morning together a stable coalition.

(wed), and it may be the weekend before a definitive picture the Congress doing a bit betemerges, the exit polls signal the start of a frenzied search for coalition partners, in which the support of small against Mr Rao's ally in regional parties will be cru- Tamil Nadu, the authoritar-cial. While the BJP has tan chief minister J. Jayalaemerged the victor in the exit litha. Breakaway factions of the Congress and independent candidates seem to have

Opinion and exit polls are a The future of the prime initiater, P. V. Narasimha India because of the sheer Rao, rests on his ability to size and diversity of the popularity of the prime india sells itself to the prime india sel

Villagers in particular are wary of expressing a political opinion to outsiders, so inves-tigators set up dummy booths at 432 polling stations around the country and invited people at random to go in and recast their vote. They hope that the guarantee of secrecy people polled to reveal their real intentions.

The results of the exit poll were relayed from the polling stations by satellite hook-up.

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Slim hopes for _iberia summit

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Cindy Shiner in Accra

INE West African beads of state meet in the Ghanaian capital Accra today for an emergency summit to try to end the renewed civil war in Liberia. Hopes of ccess are slim.

Officials are trying to reha-bilitate an eight-month-old agreement that was supposed to lead to the disarmament of and to elections in August.
"People know what needs to

be done but I don't think the will is there to do it," the United Nations' special envoy, James Jonah, said.

He was referring to diplomatic attempts to bolster the regional peacekeeping force. regional peacekeeping force sent to Liberia in 1990. The 8,500 peacekeepers, led by Ni-geria, have twice repelled attacks on the capital Monro-via by forces loyal to Charles Taylor, but have been unable to contain the recent fighting. Regional countries say they no longer have the resources to support the West African

army, but international do-nors want proof that the

funds. "It's like the chicken and the egg," an African dip-lomat said.

The talks have been organised by the Economic Community of West African States, which formed the peacekeeping force. The recent fighting in Monrovia was sparked off on April 6 by an attempt to arrest the rebel leader, Roosevelt Johnson, who is now seeking diplo-

matic leverage in Accra.
"This government has failed," Mr Johnson said. "There has been no govern-ment on the ground for one month. We have chaos." Yesterday, gunmen from Mr Taylor's National Patri-otic Front of Liberia dis-played the severed head of a Krahn fighter in central

Monrovia. They said the head be-longed to a member of the Buti-Naked Brigade captured in fighting the previous day. The brigade gets its name from its fighters' preference

for wearing few or no clothes while fighting. The lightly clad body, with a bullet wound in the neck, lay 100 yards up the street. Since April, street battles have left more than 100 dead and forced tens of thousands of civilians to flee their homes. Many are are trying to board unsafe boats to leave the country. Monrovia has been laid waste and looted by

warring factions. About 2,000 foreigners, including UN personnel and international aid workers, have been evacuated. Up to 4,000 American military personnel are stationed off the coast in case the swift removal of embassy staff and other foreigners becomes necessary.

American marines protecting the United States embassy in Monrovia have twice fired on hostile militia members in front of the compound. However, Washington says it has no plans to become involved militarily in Liberia.

S African constitution clash goes to the wire

in Cape Town

HE race to reach agreement on South Africa's new constitution was turning into a cliff-hanger last night as the National Party agonised over a final compromise in the face of a threat by President Nelson Mandela that the ANC could

go it alone. With a final vote on an agreed document due this morning in the constitutional assembly. Mr Mandela warned opposition parties that if they failed to agree "the ANC will write its own constitution. We have a mandate to bring about change, transformation from an apartheid system to one that is fully democratic and legiti-mate. We cannot let down our

The National Party held a second meeting of its federal executive in two days amid reports that members were deeply divided over whether they should take a hard-line

before the meeting started their chief negotiator, Roelf Meyer, expressed confidence that a deal would be reached. He said a tentative compromise had been thrashed out with the ANC overnight. The National Party is hold-

ing out for stronger guaran-tees for rights of property ownership and mothertongue education as well as demanding that lock-outs by employers be given constitu-tional recognition. If the party fails to back the bill the country could be forced to hold a referendum on a draft constitution of the ANC's choice.

Carl Niehaus, speaking for the ANC's negotiators, said the two main bargaining teams were now checking back with their parties: "It could mean that we have a package of agreements that covers the outstanding issues on education, property and the lockout."

In what is seen as a psychological ploy aimed at encouraging consensus, celebrations | substantially reduced.

stand on the constitution. But | have been planned for today to mark the adoption of the final constitution. They in-clude a televised performance on the steps of parliament of a song specially commissioned

by the constitutional assem-bly for the occasion. A senior official in Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inwhich is boycotting the negotiations — said yesterday it would be challenging the con-stitution in the constitutional court if it was passed.

A member of Inkatha's constitutional committee, Peter Smith, said the draft legislation was "pernicious" and de-monstrably failed the test of the over-riding principles agreed in the 1994 political settlement. He said the consti-tution substantially reduced

the powers of the regions.

If the constitution is passed it will be referred to the constitutional court for certifica-tion that it does not breach the 1994 principles - one of which is that the powers of the provinces should not be

MPs snub Moroccan king

Paul Webster in Paris

A LL 23 Communist MPs and some Socialists boycotted the French national assembly yesterday when King Hassan of Morocco was invited to address both houses, a privilege granted in recent years only to King Juan Carlos of Spain and the United States president,

Bill Clinton. Human rights organisa tions protested against the red-carpet treatment given to the king, who has been accused of maltreating po-litical prisoners and holding up moves towards de- tional monarchy.

mocracy. President Jac-ques Chirac's recent wel-traditional ties with its forcome to the Chinese prime minister, Li Peng, also prompted demonstrations. The king's state visit, during which France an-

nounced more aid for the kingdom, added another controversial chapter to Mr Chirac's foreign policy vi-sion. His visit to Lebanon was seen by Syria as indi-

cating support for its anti-Israeli policies.

The king told parliament during a 10-minute address that he was attached to promoting justice and peace, but gave no indication that he was ready for a constitu-

traditional ties with its for-mer protectorate, and the favourable trading balance. It also needs a strong part-ner in North Africa to check rising Islamic extremism.

Most political commentators said Morocco had curbed the worst abuses and had a far better record of tolerance than most Islamic countries.

Mr Chirac, who visited Morocco last summer, has underwritten French confidence in the kingdom's stability by tripling aid from about £125 million a year. An agreement worth £200 million was reached during this visit.

Peres backs his troops

SRAEL'S prime minister, Shimon Peres, said yesterday that Israeli troops who shelled a United Nations camp, killing more than 100 Lebanese refugees, were de-fending themselves from Hizbullah guerrillas.

"Hizbullah launched an aggressive initiative ... firing at laraeli army positions day after day ... We sent units to prevent the firing of Katyufend itself," he said. - Reuter. | ures. Atlanta officials were | ever mounted.

Olympic host Atlanta is 'most crime-ridden metropolis' in US

and poor planning, the organisers of this summer's Olympics in Atlanta have a new PR beadache: statistics showing the southern city to be the most crime-ridden metropolis in the United States, writes lan Katz in

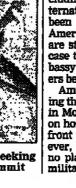
As police chiefs around the country crowed over

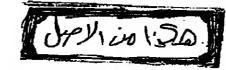
ALREADY embarrassed left to explain why theirs by scandals over racism was one of the few major cities apparently losing the war on crime. Atlanta last year had the highest crime rate of any American city with a population of 100,000 or more with 168 serious crimes committed

per 1.000 residents. More than 25,000 police officers and soldiers will be deployed in Atlanta during shas ... When this unit was falling crime rates, con-attacked, it had a right to de-firmed in the latest FBI fig-largest security operations



Roosevelt Johnson: seeking





The Guardian Wednesday May 8 1996

Germany draws Britain shows the way to bowler-hatted majors • Generals turn the screws on Yeltsin

battle lines over Apostles of business training

lan Traynor in Bonn

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HOUSANDS of German police and anti-nuclear militants are preparing for a showdown today when a trainload of plutonium and nuclear waste is scheduled to arrive from France at a north German storage site.

Police used water cannon yesterday to disperse hundreds of protesters blocking the train unloading point in Dannenberg, near the Gorlebon storage site. leben storage site.
A north German court

banned demonstrations at the storage site earlier this week after violent clashes between police and protesters, and yesterday the German interior minister. Manfred Kanther. ordered police to get tough



"Violent demonstrators are criminals endangering others' lives," Mr Kanther

The train bearing repro-cessed nuclear waste from the plant at La Hague in France is the first cargo to cross the borders between European countries under French legislation that requires nuclear materials reprocessed at La Hague to be returned to the country of origin. More than 100 such trainloads are scheduled to cross the Rhine over-

The protesters have been trying to stop the arrival at Gorleben by bringing down power cables, sabotaging rail-

Rick Atkinson

visits Dietrich's

repository of her

OHN WAYNE called her "the most intrigu-ing woman I've ever known". Ernest Heming-way said: "It makes no dif-

ference how she breaks your heart, if she is there to

Marlene Dietrich lives on

in such accolades, even

though her earthly remains

lie beneath a stand of birch trees in the Stubenrauch-

strasse cemetery in Berlin, where a small but reverent procession of fans shuffled

past her grave on the fourth anniversary of her death at the age of 90. Her tomb has become a

place of pilgrimage, even though she abandoned her native Germany for Holly-

wood in 1930, became an American citizen, and is

still despised by many Ger-

man rightwingers as a

traitor because of her pro-

rraitor because of her pro-paganda work against the Third Reich.

"I'm a big Marlene fan, not only because of her films but because she was such an opponent of the

such an opponent of the Nazis," said Frank Die-

trich, aged 36 and no rela-

in his eyes. "For me, she is just an incredibly wonder-

Berlin has more than her

body. A brick warehouse in

the Spandau district contains her worldly possessions, bought in 1993 by the Berlin senate at Sotheby's for \$5 million (£3.3 million).

grave and the

worldly goods

cat-and-mouse with the au-thorities and the nuclear

industry.
The itinerary of the train has been kept secret to keep the anti-nuclear hounds off the scent and several decoy trains have been dispatched from La Hague. However, yes-terday there were reports of a mystery train arriving in

Germany near the western town of Ludwigshafen en route for the north.

Dozens of protesters were arrested early on Monday after fights with police near Gorleben. The violent fringe of the movement in the second s of the movement is spear-headed by young, hooded left-wing radicals. Locally, the Gorleben site is strongly op-posed by a broad church that breaks the barriers of age, class, wealth and political

offiliation On Sunday afternoon senior citizens staged a "knit-im" opposite the Gorleben mu-nicipal offices. Local priests and vicars have called special church services in surrounding towns and villages for this evening to register their

At the weekend, a group of 50 local doctors took out a full-page advertisement in the regional press to announce that they would be taking to the streets. Local schools and parent-teacher associations will be doing the same. Sixty firms in the area are also clos-ing their doors today "in pro-test at the atomic policy of the federal and the state governments".

The general anger at today's scheduled arrival of the nuclear cargo comes as a climax to 20 years of attempts to stop the Gorleben storage project. Gorleben is in the northern

state of Lower Saxony, gov-erned by Social Democrats under Gerhard Schröder, the ambitious state premier who sees himself as a potential German chancellor.

While the state's interior minister, Gerhard Glogowski, has been sending in police reinforcements, the Lower Saxony environment minis-ter, Monika Griefhahn, yesterday demanded that the way lines and cutting off problem of storing nuclear police reinforcements in a waste be shared among Gersometimes violent game of many's 16 states.

tographed by a team of six curators for eventual dis-play in a special exhibition hall on Potsdamer Platz.

the once and future heart of the German capital.

died exactly what she had," said Werner Sudendorf, di-rector of the German Cine-matic Collection.

"We had written to her and she had replied: 'I don't

have anything. The cos-tumes all belonged to the

film studios and I'm no thief.'
"In fact she had a lot of

stuff hidden, as it were, under the bed."

A lot of stuff indeed.

There is the wardrobe: 440 pairs of shoes, more than 400 hats, 150 pairs of

gloves, hundreds of dresses and suits, about 50 film cos-

tumes, and the sundry ac-

cessories — such as a peach-coloured silk teddy — of the quintessential

temptress, a woman considered the apotheosis of sex-

Reagan, Orson Welles and

"to my sweet Tami" - her

500 appearances entertain-

lamp for Marlene

sion in Russian: "To leave in the means to leave without saying goodbye. As the minutes ticked away at the Military University yesterday, it began to seem as if the honoured guests from the British embassy had been obliged to do just that.

"Maybe they're down in the cellars," said one of the students, all former Rus-sian officers who have been retrained for civilian careers with British taxpayers' money.

Smart in their business suits, the ex-officers sat dutifully in the classroom staring at the row of empty chairs in front of the blackboard. Near by were two

side by side on crisp white

Twelve-twenty: the ceremony had been due to start at noon. Everyone was gazing at the vase of flowers placed where the guests piaced where the guests were supposed to be: three red carnations, three yellow, three pink, one white. Surely not some kind of secret message?

Finally at 12.30, just when it seemed certain that they was a born without the server of the se

they were at home waiting for the removals van, the Britons turned up with their Russian hosts.

The British defence atta ché, Air Commodore Philip Wilkinson, a scholarlylooking individual (though not donnish, heaven forbid) in RAF full dress uniform, chatted amiably with Cap-

neat piles of diplomas with tain Valery Baranovsky, in the Union Jack and the the black of the Russian Russian tricolour printed navy.

y, General Nikolai Zvinchukov, seemed perfectly at ease sitting next to Andrew Carter, deputy

head of the British embassy

as it is known in Russian security parlance.

planned long before the spy scandal erupted. All the same, the events lent a par-Carter's speech, delivered

tune will favour those who do not ignore these changes and draw up a new strategy to cope with them.' In theory at least, the

British strategy has nothing to do with skulduggery.

spookery and snoopery, and everything to do with

teaching unemployed Rus

sian majors and colonels

about the joys and perils of life in a market economy.

General Nikolai Radul.

number two in the Russian

The secret services always work this way. Everyone has their job to do. That's what they get paid for'

The ceremony had been ticular ambivalence to Mr

an unpredictable, contin-ually changing place," he said. "It is clear that forment, was certainly not in the mood to let a little espionage contretemps obstruct

the flow of funds from Whitehall. "We are very grateful to Her Majesty the Queen and the Ministry of Defence of Great Britain for giving us

belp in training our offi-cers," he said, beaming.
Attempts by journalists
to sait the sweet-talking
mood with a little spy talk were turned aside by British diplomats.

Asked if he expected to be expelled. Air Cdre Wilkin-son said: "I can honestly say I have no knowledge of whose names are on the list, and it would be foolish to speculate. We are simply here to foster this event."

"The world has become | army's training depart- | this development at all.

And the party sailed off upstairs, British and Russians together, for a group photograph.

Among the graduates was Nikolai Shumeiko, aged 46, a former sub-colonel in the army's construction corps. He said the course had been a good basic introduction to business. He had already found work. His view on the spy affair was more that of a pragmatic busi-nessman than an offended Russian patriot.

"It was always that way and it always will be. It shouldn't be allowed to aftions. The secret services always work this way. Mr Carter was even less forthcoming. "I haven't come here to comment on paid for."



No tell-tales . . . A well-wisher wipes lipstick from Boris Yeltsin's face after giving him a kiss on the campaign trail

Coming in from the cold war

there are more than 300.000 documents, including letters from Yul Brynner, Noel Coward, Ronald Young Russians in Highgate have no fear of being caught in diplomatic cross-fire. Jonathan Steele reports

the director Billy Wilder.

There are 15,000 photographs, including a 1930 publicity picture inscribed husband's mistress.
"We try to portray her not only as a film diva but also as a political personalfondly remembers thumbing his nose at the top-floor front room of the trich, aged 35 and 10 relation, as he stood with tears ity." Mr Sudendorf said. ity." Mr Sudendorf said. ity." Mr Sudendorf said. "And for Germany that's quiet suburban house opposite the Soviet trade mission very important."
The political Dietrich is in Highgate as he and his chums filed out of the compound on the way to school a decade ago. "You could actu-ally see the red light on the visible in her US army noncombatant's ID, accrediting her to "the Army of North Africa and the Mediterra-nean" in the second world war. She made more than British spy camera in there — at least until they covered it with a black screen," he laughs. "It's probably still

Administered by the German Cinematic Foundation, the collection is being sorted, catalogued and pho-

RIGORY MIRZOYAN game. Now it's over, life is fondly remembers even more fun. His dad has thumbing his nose at moved into private business. and Grigory has enough money and time to hang out for large chunks of the day in La Brasserie in Highgate Vil-lage while officially enrolled in a business studies course

> "He always comes up by car. You won't catch him walking," reports his friend Boris Bagrov (father used to work for Intourist) as he tinkers with his mobile phone and flicks through a British newspaper story with its warning of a round of tit-for-tat expulsions.
>
> At least 500 Russians live in

at City University.

Highgate, the two young men estimate, and another 1,500 are down the hill in marginally less affluent Hampstead. Top that up with a further 60,000 elsewhere in Britain, and you have a total of Rus-sian residents in Britain more than 20 times what it was in cold war days.

"Of course many of the Highgate ones only stay here for a month per year," says Grigory. "They have other places in Parls or New York."

As London veterans, he and Boris are quick to point out of the brass plaque beneath it shows that no one's cover is being the red heer."

They re very nice. Funny thing is they always go for Burtons. Someone must have told them what to order. "One pint Burton." he mimics a Russian accent. "They call it

that they have little to do with the nouveaux riches, with their drug parties, bad manners, and heavy-handed efforts to tip the police when they are caught speeding.

They have a county for few rich in the adjacent compound and the adjacent compound with the police when they are caught speeding. They have a reputation for spending lavishly, but I call it stupid rather than lavish." The two have one thing in common with the Russians

they despise. There is no fear of being rounded up in any diplomatic cross-fire. Down the road at the trade mission the mood is far less cheery. Under the eye of the security cameras (their own)

reputation for spending lavishly, but I call it stupid rather than lavish'

'Russians have a

the visitor has to stoop and shout into an entry phone. An invisible hand presses a but-ton somewhere in the build-ing behind the screen of trees, and the door clicks open. Inside the large front hall a splendid sword is clamped to a pillar, looking uncannily

with its tennis court and lawns housed over a hundred staff and their families. Now the number is down to 30. The Russian government could do a good business by letting the empty flats to fellow citizens. but international conventions governing diplomatic prop-erty prevent this extension of the market economy.

Staff are nervous about be-coming innocent victims of what they see as an artificial spy row. Even if no one is expelled, they fear a new nastiness when they go abroad. Every time they leave Britain for holidays on the Continent or anywhere other than back home to Russia, they have to apply for visas. At the airport immigration officers often ask them where they are go-ing or where they have come from. The tone can be polite

or menacing.
"I wonder whether we'll be losing some customers," grins a barman at the Flask Tavern up the bill.

"Actually," he adds, "they're very nice. Funny

split army and country'

Election 'could

David Hearst in Moscow

ORIS YELTSIN faced a new challenge to his au-thority last night when a senior army general said that next month's presiden-tial election could turn the country into a "political Bosnia" in which the armed forces and civilians would be

Colonel General Leontin Kuznetsov, commander of the Moscow military district, did not mince his words. He told Interfax news agency that the election could cause destabilisation which would "stir up all Russia, all Russian speak-ers, including the military". Two days ago President Yeltsin was forced to silence

his chief confidant, Lieutenant-General Alexander Korzhakov, for saying the same thing. Yesterday's warning of civil strife went even further. General Kuznetsov said: Elections could lead to destabilisation, to the point where the population of Russia divides into two camps, one against the other, and as the clenched in their pockets."

Mr Yeltsin has repeatedly said the election will take place as laid down by the constitution. But he has echoed the warnings of his security advisers in saying that there could be a civil war if the Communist Party challenger, Gennady Zyuganov, wins.

These warnings have be-come self-serving, creating an atmosphere in which it is difficult to hold the election.

The emergence of generals prepared to speak openly on politics, six weeks before the first round is due and when his recent opinion poll gains are tailing off, is significant. If Mr Yeltsin does cancel

the election, it will be to men like Generals Korzhakov and Kuznetsov that he will have to turn for support. This may
be one reason why the Federal Security Service has
been calling the political
shots in demanding the expulshots in demanding accused of being implicated

in a spy ring.
In the battle for the president's ear, the role of Mr Yeltsin's traditional diplomatic advisers has diminished. Gri-gori Karasin, chief spokes-man for the ministry of for-eign affairs, said yesterday that the ministry's main task now was to "avoid an exces-sively emotional reaction and precipitate action which could negatively influence the successful development of Russian-British relations".

The ministry's loss is the se curity service's gain. There have been other indications that the balance of power in the Kremlin has shifted. The defence minister, General Pavel Grachev, recently gave the Communist-dominated State Duma an assessment of the military situation in Chechenia which all but de-stroyed the peace plan that Mr Yeltsin had just announced. Gen Grachev's contribution to the peace debate went un-

corrected by his president, who is about to visit Grozny to offer the rebels direct peace

The generals know they carry millions of votes. The military-industrial complex was the earliest victim of the collapse of the Soviet Union and its traditional arms markets in eastern Europe. Its workers know that the only way their jobs can be saved is by Russia beginning to pro-duce and export arms again. With eastern Europe lost and people say, the Kulaks [rich about to join Nato, Russia is peasants] will keep their fists once again making overtures to rogue states such as Libya and Iran, and also looking eastwards to China.

The military-industrial complex is thus, in foreign policy terms, in conflict with those pulling at Mr Yeltsin's other sleeve, the pro-Western financial tycoons and the exports its oil and gas largely to the west.

So far the latter have been influential, and well repre-sented in government. They have the prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin, as their chief spokesman. But how long will this continue? Mr Chernomyrdin's own party got only 10 per cent of the vote in the last elections, and Mr Yeltsin needs the support of nationalists to fight off the

sion of British diplomats which could be used for military purposes, Itar-Tass news agency said yesterday, quot-ing a spokesman in the Sibe-rian city of Krasnoyarsk It said he produced more than 2lb of material using his own technology, but gave no fur-ther details.

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News in brief

Bahrain blast kills three A couple and their three-year-

old son were killed and four people injured when a blast demolished a house in a suburb of the Bahraini capital Manama yesterday, officials said. One of the injured was the couple's five-year-old son.

It was not immediately clear if the blast was related to anti-government unrest that started in the Gulf state in December 1994 and has claimed at least 25 lives. Shi-'ite Muslim protesters are demanding reforms. — Reuter

Author ducks out New York University can-

celled a Holocaust symposium last night after Daniel Goldha-gen, the author of a book on Nazi Germany, withdrew be-cause of fears of hostile press coverage in Germany, the New York Times reported yesterday. — AP

Elephant horror Animal rights activists ex-

| was killed after it trampled to death two handlers. It was riddled with 200 bullets and took two days to die in a forest 300 miles north of Bang-kok. -- AP

Wildfire slowed

Planes bombarded a wildfire in northern New Mexico with water and fire retardant yes-terday, slowing its progress towards a ski resort. The fire has spread across more than 7,500 acres of tinder-dry ponderosa pine, burning at least 27 buildings and forcing hundreds of residents to flee. Light winds are also slowing

Correction

A news agency story published in the Guardian inaccurately attributed to the Cambodia Daily a suggestion that British cows suffering from mad cow disease be shipped to Cambodia to detonate the millions of land mines littering the country.
The suggestion was in fact
contained in a signed reader's letter to the Cambodia Daily. pressed horror yesterday at the letter does not reflect the the way a logging elephant view of that newspaper.



When Kenneth Baker tells us that the Government is doing a grand job, I am reminded of Ralph Waldo Emerson's line: "The louder he spoke of his honour, the faster we counted our spoons."

Francis Wheen

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The new welfare state

But is Labour overreacting to a Tory agenda?

about reform of the welfare state. But when it starts to translate those noises into policies - like Gordon Brown's proposal to redistribute child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds to help the less well-off - problems arise. This is for the inevitable reason that since Labour has banned extra spending, any policy which redistributes resources will inevitably produce vocal losers as well as winners. Yesterday Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, made a keynote lecture to the IPPR think tank which marks a radical redefinition of the concept of the welfare state. Labour believes that the huge cost of a state-funded cradle-to-the grave concept of the welfare state requires radical re-appraisal which doesn't rely on a Crosslandite act of faith in economic growth to pay for it.

New Labour rejects the idea that the state must be sole provider in favour of government acting as the guarantor and regulator of all provision but the administrator of only some. People on social security will be treated as citizens not supplicants and the unemployed will be helped to move out of dependency and into work rather than becoming perpetual state pensioners on a scale which, it is argued, would have shocked the architects of the welfare state. One of Labour's priorities is to find a new definition of poverty to replace the popular one which includes anyone earning less than half of average earnings (an unhelpful definition making it statistically impossible to reduce poverty).

Mr Smith was at his most passionsight when they leave school, to the prereal life-enhancing job. He argues that debate will run and run.

ABOUR is making a lot of noises | the problem won't be solved by throwing money at it even if it were there. He will mark Labour's success by the speed at which the £90 billion social security budget diminishes as long as it is a consequence of moving people from benefit to work. This is evidence of the epic journey the Labour Party has made during the past decade in its anmade during the past decade in its approach to welfare from unfunded dreams to funded reality.

But is it going too fast in its redefi-

nition of the role of the state? As policles come out over the next few weeks they will, of course, be crawled over by the Conservatives seizing on the consequences for those who lose out on any more equitable shareout of existing resources - the knee-jerk reaction that enabled John Major to claim that Gordon Brown's plan to redistribute money from the existing child benefit budget to students from lower income families would cost A-level students £560 a year. It is because Mr Major and his colleagues time and again (including yesterday in the Commons) peddle the claim that raising taxes is in Labour's blood that shadow ministers freeze even when asked whether the top rate of tax might be raised a bit. This makes Labour reluctant to say anything that might be costed. Yet this ignores the extent to which the financial problems of the welfare state are a function of Tory economic mismanagement If Labour succeeds in moving people from welfare to work then it would generate funds for other purposes. Yet it dare not spend such funds in advance lest the Fory pocket calculators come out. All of this is a debate whose parameters have ate in his plea for a Labour government been set by the Conservatives. They to give a "helping hand" to the thousands of young people who drop out of need to reduce the role of the state while bequeathing a £32 billion budget maturely retired and to the many deficit which makes it difficult for anyothers who have no anticipation of a one to produce an instant elixir. This

Still economical with the truth

The register of MPs interests is better. But not good enough

than 20 years. But this worthwhile exercise has lately become an increasingly uninformative ritual, concealing almost as much as it reveals, and inadequate as a public mirror to the networks which influence our legislators. It is, of course, in the public interest to know that Bloggs MP is a director of Bloggs plc, or gets paid as a consultant to Bloggs UK. However until we know what Bloggs MP actually gets for his trouble such an exercise does not really tell anyone very much - which is why it has taken a crisis to change a system that suited MPs very nicely. This year, the first following the Nolan report, the details covered by the Register of Interests have therefore been much extended. MPs have been asked to give more detail about the services they perform as consultants and advisers and have been instructed to declare (within certain bands) the sums that are involved. So, does the latest report, published yesterday, now transform our knowledge and understanding?

Yes it does, but only up to a point. The new register is undoubtedly more informative than its predecessor. It list of organisations which fund Tony | thing better than this.

MEMBERS of Parliament have had to Blair's office. It is intriguing to know Luzern or to learn how much Roy Hattersley earns from his journalism (much more than most journalists). Some will be scandalised by the tickets to Wimbledon, the air trips to exotic places (and Ireland), the ticket upgrades, the silver statuettes, the gift rugs and the shooting. Others will see a faintly Pooterish quality to the proudly recorded acceptance of Prison Officers Association hospitality at the TUC or the scrupulous confession that the local MP was given a pair of tickets by British Gas to an Eisteddfod.

But the new system goes only so far. It is riddled with inconsistencies which make it impossible to use the register to make an accurate assessment of the importance of money in politics, either in individual cases or in general. There are still no figures attached to most of the categories in the register, so we can never learn the worth of MPs' directorships, other employment or shareholdings. Shareholdings of under £25,000 are not covered at all. Many Conservative MPs (and a few others) have exploited their continuing right to be niggardly with the actualité. The result is an gives us some important details about inadequate form of accountability the financial interests of MPs, many of | which in some ways is actively misleadwhom have conscientiously revealed | ing. Under the new rules the dutiful MP what was asked of them. But the results | can appear shifty for revealing everyare at once both fascinating and banal. thing while the shameless can still get It is useful to know that Brian Mawhin- away with saying virtually nothing. ney gets a car from Rover or to read the | Both MPs and the public deserve some-

Tit-for-tat is not inevitable

The best reaction to the spy expulsions is to do nothing

BRITISH DIPLOMATS were "tight- | double negative: "there is no necessity lipped" yesterday in King Charles to argue that such activity (by the Street as they waited for Malcolm British sples) is not acceptable." For-Rifkind to decide whether to adopt "titfor-tat" reprisals against Russia. Set spy pieces always bring out the worst in language as well as morality.

Michael Portillo called the scale of
Moscow's reaction "unjustified": he has been less ready to accept the principle of proportionality over Israel's bombardment of the Lebanon. But there is a

the Russian counter-intelligence ser-

eign Office lips eased a fraction to murmur that the new Russian position was "noteworthy".

This is still a serious business but in the post cold-war age a less intimidated public may be forgiven for thinking otherwise. Last night we waited to see whether any British diplomats would actually be expelled, and if so whether higher code of conduct in the great Mr Rifkind would take reprisals. The spying game. Chuck out one of ours by concept of "tit-for-tat" - like that of an all means, old chap, but don't overdo it. eye for an eye - is the easy but wrong It was hard to tell yesterday whether path. In times past it was called seeking he Pussian counter-intelligence service was playing the game with Britain | reference to Charlemagne's legendary or with its own foreign ministry. By nephew and his comrade-in-arms indinoon the plot had "thickened" (what cates a heroic sense wholly absent else?) as senior Russian diplomats ap- today. To shrug and do nothing would peared to step back from the brink show a new sort of diplomatic maturity. (whence else?). Their embassy in Lon- It might even prompt a more open don betrayed its embarrassment with a attitude and stop these silly games.



Morris: a rich tapestry

"his name is synonymous with both irretrievable noswith both irretrievable nos-talgia and a visionary utopi-anism" (Papering over the cracks, May 3). While the lat-ter may be true (is this neces-sarily a fault?) Morris's utopi-anism was supported on the practical foundation of hard work: few were more promi-nent in espousing the socialist cause in the late 1880s. As for the former accusation — the "hopelessly romantic retreat into Pre-Raphaelite nostalgia, painting a picture of a vanished, medieval golden age" — such criticisms reveal a lack of familiarity with Morris's works.

Whilst holding the utmost respect for medieval art, Morris had a deep-rooted con-tempt for that which he referred to as "sham old", believing that quality of design necessarily followed from a respect for craftsmanship. Sudjic's assertion that "his

poetry goes unread" seems at odds with the successful reprinting programme of The William Morris Library, and Morris's prose, unmentioned in the article, has enthralled by the loss of its best man. successive generations of This is not the kind of obitureaders. It would appear, ary which the mediocre however, that in making such unsubstantiable comments on Morris, Sudjic is referring merely to his own reading habits.

Paul Hardwick. Pre-Raphaelite Society. Claire House 15 Ogieforth, York YO1 2JG.

So William Morris "can be seen as an inspiration for the Khmer Rouge" with Year Zero "a hideous echo of News from Nowhere"... The 'logic" behind this bizarre connection is that the Khmer

Criminal times

N Kenya, mob justice on criminals caught red-

nanded is a demonstration of

the public's disgust rather than indifference for the anti-

social activities of these indi-viduals (Mob violence stalks

viduals (Mob violence stalks Kenya, May 2).

This is, however, not to suggest that the public is justified or indeed encouraged to react in this way. The country's leadership and the law enforcement agents have continued to urge the public to warries restraint and hand

exercise restraint and hand over suspects to the police

even the criminals who dare

commit these crimes dash for

the protection of the nearest

policeman or police station once their evil acts are

discovered.

I believe your reporter must have been thinking of

some other foreign country when he was talking about

Kenya having daily reports of necklacing and hacking, he-

cause Kenyans do not do that

THE reference in your leader (May 7) to the most

boring headline competition among Times sub-editors

reminds me of a similar con-

test I organised among news

sub-editors on the Evening

Gazette in Middlesborough in

the editor's request to tone down our headlines by striv-

ing to reduce each one to the

utmost banality. At the end of

a week I announced the win-

ner: "He was an all-round

sportsman" — which adorned the obituary of a former local

After much investigation,

we learned it was the work of

cricketer.

the competition.

4 Place du Beguinage,

Ron Knowles.

Mwanyengela Ngali. Kenyan High Commissioner,

45 Portland Place. London WIN 4AS.

EYAN SUDJIC'S recur- Rouge razed Phnom Penh of the contradictions in his rent gripe with Wil- while Morris "loved the coun- situation, believing that art liam Morris is that tryside ... loathed ... big would have to go under before tryside ... loathed ... big cities." What Morris loathed was not urban life as such, but the squalor and uglines of the new Victorian "Coketowns". S C McFarlane

Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes MK6 3DA.

N parodying Morris's views on industrial society, Sudjic reveals that his aim is not so much to debunk what he sees as the myth of Morris's greatness, but to construct another myth of Morris as a hope lessly naive romantic.

It was precisely Morris's ability to look forward whilst being rooted in history which made his contribution to the "socialist revival" of the 1890s of long-term value. It was his ability to see society clearly both as it was and as it could be, to articulate that hope, and to work for that change shock felt amongst socialists

after his death. Robert Blatchford, writing in The Clarion on October 10, 1896, described the movement as "a thing stuck motionless" H E Roberts

6 Park Avenue Hull HU5 3ER.

ORRIS is the most in-spiring writer about British culture and society since Cobbett, with the same vision, passion and insight and rooted in a similar reality — he designed and made things, he was a manufac-turer and a businessman. He knew what he was talking about

He was entirely conscious

situation, believing that art it came up again. He wrote: "It does sometimes seem to me a strange thing indeed that a man should be driven to work with energy and even with pleasure and enthusiasm at work which he knows will serve no end but amusing himself. Am I doing nothing

but make believe then, some-thing like Louis XVI's clockmaking?"
Morris, the least egotistical
of artists, would not have expected to appear on a postage stamp. In any case, for Brit-ain today, Muffin the Mule will do nicely.

David Page. Redenhall Cottage Redenhall Road, Startston, Norfolk IP20 9NT.

DEYAN Sudjic reveals his ignorance by saying that Morris "loathed machines" and "was, opposed in princi ple to machine production". In fact he welcomed the use of machines in supplying some of the materials for his firm and he wrote that in his com-munist England: "All work which it would be irksome to hand, machinery is done without.

It might have been helpful if Sudjic had told us what the exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum actually contains, but he said not a word about this Could the Guard. ian now please give us a serious critical review of the exhibition?

Roger Simon. Oakhill, Chester Avenue. Richmond,

TELL ME EVERYTHING MY DEAR I'M A JOURNALIST

Why journalists need therapy

who "resorts to a shrink" must be "bonkers, Daffy, squirrelly bananas, dippy, wacko, or looney, off the wall, in orbit . . . "(Jackdaw, May 1) is extremely offensive both to the profession of psychotherapy and to the thousands of ordinary, normal people who seek a specialist service to help them improve the qual-

HE assertion that anyone | presumably on fear and superstition than on experi-ence. Recently, there has been a great deal of media hysteria over a well-known psycho-therapist who has, allegedly, seen an even better-known royal person. Why are jour nalists waging war on psycho therapists and, worse, under public in this way?

ity of their lives.

The media have long had a love/hate relationship with psychotherapy founded, more

Philippa Seligman.

22 West Orchard Crescent, Handaff, Cardiff CF5 1AR.

Labour can make welfare work

CHRIS SMITH says (When the music stops, May 7): "Instead of consigning a large section of our society into near permanent condition of unemployability, we should be exerting every effort to the 1960s. We responded to help them through unemploy-ment and into work."

How can Chris Smith be so persuade the Labour Party to have adopted it? If all the money spent on benefits and forgone taxes were used to make jobs, we could have "full employment" (le 0 to 3 per cent unemployment) and the state would still make a

had not even been aware of profit of £1.3 billion? Chris Smith must clearly fight within the Labour Party to gain a promise of "full em-

ible. The party will win many votes by doing so. Michael de la Cour. 21 Montrose Avenue. London NW6 8LE.

CHRIS SMITH recom-Omends a programme of helping people to get off bene-fit and into work. This is clear about the objectives of something with which the policy and yet have failed to Liberal Democrats could cooperate. But Labour can only be taken seriously as an anti-Conservative party when they commit themselves to restoring income support for 16- and 17-year-olds with no other visible means of support

Lord Russell. Liberal Democrat Social Security Spokesman. House of Lords, as soon as poss- London SW1A OAA.

Roman Catholics throw the prayer book at dissenters

most everything Peter Stan-ford alleges (Storm in the cathedral, May 5). To talk about "interference from Rome" and to describe English Catholicism as "autonomous" is to betray a Protestant mentality which is quite incompatible with the atholic faith.

Furthermore, terms such as "ultra-conservative" and "liberalisation", appropriate as they are to politics, are quite meaningless when applied to Catholicism, where one can only be right or wrong. As the church's teaching on "marriage, divorce, women priests, contraception and homosex-uality" is, always has been and will continue to be right, any change would not be "lib-eralism"; it would be wrong. Daphne McLeod.

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. 4 Fife Way, Gt Bookham Surrey KT23 3PH.

IKE her founder, Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church is the same yesterday, today and forever. Her teachings on morals and faith can never change. However, their presentation can be do by hand is done by ma-chinery; and for all work catechism and religious eduwhich it is a pleasure to do by cation. That is the disagreement which exists between some of the Catholic hierarchy and the laity.

Whilst being loyal members of the church, one does not have to show blind obedience to our bishops. Bishops can err, as they did almost to a man in 16th-century England. Cardinal Hume's plea for obedience resembles totalitarian-ism rather than genuine Robert Williams. Y Garreg Lwyd, Bangor is y Coed,

Wrexham LL13 0BB. DERHAPS the scale of the current problems in the Catholic Church of England was best illustrated in Peter Standford's article by the

recurrent use of terms such as "English Catholicism" and "the English Church." Most practising Catholics in this country still consider themselves Roman Catholics. We belong to the Roman Catholic Church. As its name suggests, that church is univer-sal, not English.

Maybe the late Archbishop

OST Catholics will dis-lagree profoundly with al-realise this.

Paul Noone 219B Crawford Street. T IS people like Peter Stan-ford who have "a personal agenda". Alice Thomas Ellis is not a "Judas" as reported: her language may be colour-ful and Liverpudlian, but she is one of the women faithful

at the foot of the cross. 26 Old Broadway, Withington, Manchester M20 3DF.

PETER Stanford refers to a visit "later this month" by Mother Angelica, the found-ress of Eternal Word Television Network, Alabama. In fact, the visit took place last Saturday, May 4 (The Feast of the Blessed Martyrs of Eng-land and Wales), when Mother Angelica addressed a conference in central London. attended by over 2,000 Catholics, in the presence of Cardinal Basil Hume. Michael Akerman.

Faith of our Fathers. Crews Hill, Enfield, Middx EN2 9BB.

Get 'em young

ELL said, Vivien Stern (Let the ex-cons back in, May 2). Todav we are locking up 857 so-called "young thugs" between the ages of 15 and 21. By presenting them with a balanced regime. which sets firm boundaries on unacceptable behaviour and offers them excellent opportunities for personal development, we achieve measurable improvements in both attitude and behaviour. These boundaries and opportunities are presented to our young offenders by staff whose care and prof ism society should be deeply grateful for.

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You out there have much to learn from us. Do not hide from your young people — they will penetrate the most expensive security systems. Get in amongst them and dis-cover their fears, hopes and potential to change. Give them a chance. Chris Williams

Governor, HM Young Offender Institution and Remand Centre, Glen Parva, Tigers Road, Warlock, the current Arch- Wigston, bishop of Westminster and Leicester LES 2TN.

A Country Diary ********************

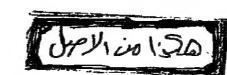
pagan new year swings high above Wenlock Edge. Under the wooded scarp of Shrop-shire's spine, the lane plunges into a ford across Harley Brook and up through the hamlet of Wigwig. In dark hedges, gardens and the remains of old orchards, the moon ignites a constellation of white flowers: blackthorn, cherry and pear. But what I've really come here to see is plum blossom: the wild moon on wild plums. It's a moment, a break in the clouds, when Nature springs beyond the earthbound. Each ghostly white flower is a moon set in the darkness of wooded hillsides under a midnight sky. To Basho, the great 17th century Japanese poet and dia-rist, the first lesson for the artist is to follow and be one with Nature; "Whatever such a mind sees is a flower, and whatever such a mind dreams of is the moon." The moonblossom experience is such a lesson. Around Wigwig and the village of Homer, the wild plums indicate "squattings." At various times in history, people set up homes at the edge of parish boundaries, on

unimproved land, People

wildwild: Through a ripple of inky clouds tinged with violet, the first full moon of the pagan new year swings high above Wenlock Edge. Under the wooded scarp of Shropshire's spine the lane plumes. plums for fruit to supplement their income. These trees send out suckers through the hedgerow, sustaining the future for the wild crop. Many of these old squattings are gone and old gardens and orchards have been sold off for building plots. In the moonlight the wild plum blossom forms a bridge between the outcasts of the past and those of today who want live with the, land at the margins of society, Basho's poem about a young shoot with beautiful flowers growing on an old plum tree may serve as an inspiration.

> A copse, planted in memory of W D Campbell, the Guardian's Country Diarist for more than 30 years, is to be opened on May 18 at 2.30pm. All readers are welcome to attend. Public donations have enabled the Charlbury Society (01808-810452) to plant 250 trees and shrubs in a curve of the Mill Field. Charlbury, overlooking the River Evenlode in Oxfordshire. Bill Campbell died on

PAUL EVANS



rings . . . " And so on, and so on, all the way to that "amazing marketing de-partment". Mr Miller's version, although identical down to the last italic, is the better since Mr Duchovny paused and smiled slowly at him, whereas with Mr Svetkey he simply kept on talk-ing. It's just so spooky. TILL with uncanny

dissenters

Get 'emyor

happenings in the Sunday Times, let us marvel again at the pre-science of Taki-George. On Sunday, the Cypriot hirelingapologised for being wrong to deny that Johnny Bryan would kiss and tell, and ended this item by considering whether Fergie has as reported, employed New York PR Howard Rubinstein. The answer, he wrde, was that she has not, and hat the story was no more than a publicity stunt. "A ittle bird tells me," he wrde. "that nothing has bee agreed upon, and nothinguas been signed." You carimagine the almost physical shock, then, on find, on page 5, a document enitled "Statement from Hel The Duchess of York", upn the notepaper bearing th company name "Rubin-siin Associates, Inc." How

HOSE cynbernetic sleuths from TAIM (Truth and Accuracy) the Media) are on the iary's trail. This mysteriournalistic naughtiness, rbich claims Hollywood nks, describes itself as a ollection of "political lead-ers, artists and sports perirs, artists and sports per-ionalities" — and with the publicity-phobia so typical of such professions, it hides behind the anonymity of the Internet. There, it prom-ises to reveal its founders names one day, and concludes with the request that I send "a nice up-to-date photograph to our Hollywood address. It will save us utilising our photographer in London," But of course.

N Tribune, Nyta Mann writes with wit about leaving the New States man (she was sacked by the new editor Ian Hargreaves). What she will miss least, she says, is being bullied by the Mandy Mandelson manquées of New Labour: cocky little chaps like Mandy's office boy Derek "Dolly" Draper. Ms Mann recalls sitting in a Brighton hotel with colleagues during last year's conference when Dolly approached. "You rightwinger," he said, by way of opening the conversation, "you fractive care." Inflamed by his own elo-quence, he went on: "You better f***** watch out. We're going to f***** get you." Fans of political ora-tory will be thrilled to learn that this (and several further minutes of the same) was all recorded on tape, and may well be released as a Christmas CD.

E began on a spooky note, and so we must end. A BIC reporter returning frim Beirut relates an eerle si ht. On each of the two sunt. On each of the two
news-stands in the airport,
sanding proudly besides
the old magazines and ancint newspapers, was one
cpy of the Leeds United spporters' magazine for Narch. Is there no end to tat poor city's suffering?



Who will pay when we're old and grey?

Commentary **Francine**

Stock

OST people have one — yet nobody wants to talk about what to do with Granny, Political parties in particular barriers. particular have kept tactful silence on the costly iceberg of our ageing population. Now Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell has ventured a range of schemes designed to spread or schemes designed to spread the bills by encouraging older people to insure against their own infirmity. Before long Labour too will be wrestling with the issue of the debts run up by a demographic bulge. The cat is out of the bag. After several years of murmuring, there is at last the beginnings of a debate, even though there are few votes in it. While childhood remains

conveniently finite, ending allow us to have both, some time between 16 and 18 Some of Mr Dorre depending on your persua- posals would put the homes of

fundamental shift in the philosophy of the welfare state. Alongside the protestations that care for all is still on offer, John Major has stressed the importance of handing on wealth from generation to generation. It's now clear that the demographic monster around the corner will not Some of Mr Dorrell's pro-

sion, old age stretches out well beyond the pensionable 60s. Its course and costs are uncertain. Planning for any individual's old age is always something of a bad joke, since nature has a way of disrupting the best-laid plans. But what is certain is that within a few years, far more of us will be reaching the grave end of the journey than will spring from the cradle.

Today, for the 12 million aged 60 or more, there are 24 million in the 16-44 bracket. In 2026, when my young children are in their early 30s, Age Concern reckons there will be 17 million over 60, and just 21 million young adults. For them you can add to the cost of raising children the support of nearly one pensioner each.

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tacies have always been godrama. The tensions and per struggles between gen-eions come to the fore

nicely around a will. The welnicely around a will. The wel-fare state aimed to free indi-viduals from craven depen-dency, but not from dependency of any kind. The tensions and power struggles are still there, even when people no longer all live in the same big house. Recently, there has been a rash of news-paper articles describing the new autonomy of grandnew autonomy of grand-mothers happier to spend their retirement following their own interests, rather than minding their children's

than thinking their clintren's children. Where are they, these young parents complain, when we need them? Many still crave the benefits of the extended family, without its costs or its constraints. In any case, it is becoming impossible to re-create the extended family where three generations could all live together. Households — and houses themselves — are be-

Legacies have always been good drama

coming smaller. Divorce and separation speed up the pro-cess, dividing and multiplying at the same time. Each generation must now fend for itself. Ironically, this is just what the current crop of pensioners believe they have been doing all their lives with their tax and National Insurance payments. Now they are told that if they want to protect their savings or their home they must take out care-insurance against a one-infive chance of needing long-

term care.
Mr Dorrell has already con-

sulted insurers in the prepa-ration of the paper. Not sur-prisingly they welcome the debate — and the prospect of new business. Consultations have yet to come with the organisations that lobby on behalf of old people. At this stage, they fear more hazards to add to the minefield of insurance, annuitles and pen-sions that already confronts the elderly. They also worry that few — perhaps no more than one in seven — could af-ford the premium for care in-

surance without tightening their belts several notches. The essence of the idea is to restore the principle that a current generation pays for its care within its own lifetime, rather than loading the bulk of the responsibility on to the next generation and be yond. But as the demographic bulge moves down the popula-tion, our children will still bear a burden that is bound to be a cause for resentment However thrifty and responsible the pensioners of the next 30 years may be, the fact is that, at one time, they never had it so good. The ex-pectation throughout 40 years of the welfare state was that living standards would im-prove. People looked forward

of three are unlikely and no one wants the third. That is no great legacy. As more of us move into the pension age, political power may move with us. For the next generation, that is even more alarming. They could face the prospect of being im-poverished and out-voted to

able accommodation and ear-

lier retirement. Now two out

boot. There is trouble ahead. One day, my dears, all this

> restoration of five years of post-Soviet budget cuts. No group suffered from the collapse of the USSR more severely than the Russian military. First came the forced

retreat from Eastern Europe and the Baltic states, often back to emergency accommo-dation or none at all. This was followed by an extraordinary degree of Western intrusion into some of the most sacred areas of Russian military life its nuclear technology and high-tech defence plants — all by government-to-government agreement as part of the dis-mantling and safeguarding of the nuclear arsenal. Other secrets which the West did not discover in Russia were taken out by Russian scientists join-

ing the brain drain. It was only with the greatest difficulty that Yeltsin per-suaded the military high-com-mand to back his decision to storm the Russian parliament in October 1998. Since then they have had the debacle of Chechenia, a war which few of the generals wanted. They well remembered Afghanistan and were not happy to be ordered into a similar quag-mire in the northern Caucaus. For these tits the military and their friends in the ministry of nuclear power have al-ready exercised one tat. They are quietly pressing the Russian parliament not to ratify the Start Two treaty, which governs the next round of cuts in the strategic arsenal.

The quiet glee which senior officers must be feeling as they watch Zyuganov's steady lead in the opinion polls can easily be guessed. What troubles Yeltsin is not the votes these tough and angry officers command. After all, a few score thousand are not going to make much difference in an more relevant is their likely reaction if someone in the Kremlin happened to get it into his heads to try to post-pone the election at any stage.

Fiddling with the constitu-tion is a highly dangerous business. Before closing the parliament in 1993 Yeltsin made a series of highly publi-cised visits to the units which he needed to have on his side. It may not be unduly alarmist to see the sudden spy scare as the first shot in a similar campaign, a way of telling the generals that Boris is not a

patsy to the West after all. If this is the case, then Brit-ain's reaction should be clear. Do not fall for the spurious cold-war response or the stereotype temptation to show we can stand up to the Russian bear, meeting every expulsion of one of ours with one of theirs. Better far to pause, take stock, cool the atmosphere, and quietly tell Yeltsin that neither the election process nor its result is in his gift.

Seekers-outof secrets

Some years ago, at the height of the cold war, one of Her Majesty's secret agents recounted a small, but telling, anecdote. While in Moscow, he regularly took a trolley-bus from his flat to the British embassy. One day, not long after he had arrived, he was about to buy his ticket when the conductor said it had already been paid for. The British agent turned round to be greeted by a wink from what he presumed to be his KGB minder.

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nere an opportunity to appearingly, for Yevgeny Primey, the Russian for-eign inister and former head the Russian intelli-

United States. Had a US, rather than a British, spy being caught in the same

terday that he reckoned there were 20 Russian intel-ligence officers now based in London — despite increased co-operation on a wide range of issues, including nuclear safety, drug-trafficking and counter-terror-ism. And although MI6 —

weapons programme, its anti-missile defence systems, and its exports of mili-tary and nuclear products to developing nations — in-cluding Iran — and to ascar-tain whether it is keeping to its international treaty

obligations. Russia may have become a much more liberal country and more open society since the cold war ended; Yeltsin may be the west's preferred candidate at next month's presidential elections; but the country still has secrets. It is the job of MI6 to seek them out, just as it is the job

Living on this land of ours



George Monbiot

Sillapping tarpaulin, coughing on sawdust and dandelion seed, is not the easiest situation in which to write a column. All around me, nails are being levered out of reclaimed timber, concrete rubble is being stacked into garden walls and unearthly sculptures are rising from the wastes. Every couple of min-utes, a helicopter on its way down the Thames passes over our makeshift village.

It's difficult, too, to pull myself back from my surround-ings far enough to make sense of them. As both Guardian columnist and participant, observer and observed, I feel a little fraudulent, as if I can't be true to both stations at

But most taxing is the diffi-culty of relating the dynamics of the weird little settlement we have built on the land we occupied on Sunday to anything that lies beyond it.

We have no rules, no rulers and no representatives. Every morning, anyone who wants to be heard chalks his or her equest on a blackboard.

At 11 o'clock it is carried into our meeting place and someone is chosen to facilitate. All the chalked-up issues — and any more that need discussing — are raised and debated until we reach consensus. The decisions we make must be respected until another meeting changes

hopelessly idealistic — a bunch of dreamy anarchists sitting together and planning their Utopia. It looks dangerous as well: consensus is notoriously easy to manipulate. Yet both the subjects discussed and the conclusions reached are anything but dreamy. Someone has rung in sides of this part of the with a yard full of topsoil that needs shifting. Does anyone want it? How can we get it resentation. It is simply too want it? How can we get it resentation. It is simply too here? Guinness, the owner of blunt an instrument for tack-the site, has its AGM this ling the diverse and hoary

and is being used intelligently; but they are worried about the sort of people who might want to live here. "We want written guarantees," one man demands. "No theft and no crossing the road to piss in the stairwells."

This is the first time that make a positive choice about decision-making, nothing else it. One unpopular proposal will do.

after another has been presented to local people. On each occasion both they and — uncharacteristically—the coun-cil have rejected them. But, unless they have a serious ambition to buy and develop the site themselves, the planning process provides no room for their own ideas.

They have been left, as a result, with bitterness and a sense of alienation and rejec-tion. The new flats being built on the neighbouring site, they complain, are too expensive The prospect of yet another new supermarket here is even less appealing than leaving this land derelict.

Trying simultaneously to restore both the land and the decision-making process that governs it is wildly ambitious. and not belped by tempers frayed by the exhaustion of months of frantic planning But, even under these fraught circumstances, it seems to work, and no one has yet com-plained of being frozen out. Creative ideas - such as applying for a grant from the Guinness Housing Trust — emerge from people who have never been called on before. It is true, of course, that

we've only been here for three days, and frustrations and faclonger than that to emerge. But elsewhere in the world. decision-making like this has been taking place for centu-ries. The Turkana nomads of northern Kenya lead lives far more complicated than our own, sharing resources among people scattered across thou-sands of square miles. But, through constant negotiation, sitting in a circle and beating the matter out as equals rather than petitioners and representatives, they have sustained a labile economy and a fragile ecosystem since they arrived in the 18th century. In more fertile parts of Kenya, it took the British decades of imposed leadership to usurp and destroy consensus politics.

T IS an insult to our intelligence to insist, as Wandsworth Borough Council does, that decision-making about matters like this should sentatives. The disastrous de-velopments which litter both month. Should we buy shares? | questions that planning Local residents at the meetings say they're delighted that the land has been opened up ers that should have resided in our hands have been

> It's impossible to say what will happen here; whether we will break up or be broken or stay on and make development work for us. But whatever happens to

enclosed.

the land, none of us will ever anyone other than the owners be the same again. Having of the site has been asked to once tasted real participatory

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Spies' message

What is behind Russia's diplomatic threats and how should Britain respond? Jonathan Steele urges cool heas, while Richard Norton-Taylor, How,

reveals who is spying on whom all why

HEN Boris spies occasionally caught Yeltsin lifts is also no surprishis clock and The relevantssue is

ago a British diplomat, de-scribed by the Russians as head of the Secret Intelligence Service station in Moscow, Moscow knows the UK is was quietly expelled. The news took more than a month to leak. Two Americans and one Israeli have also fallen foul of the Russian spy-catch-ing machine without hitting the headlines.
If the Russians are trying to

send a message to Britain by breaking the normal protocol this time, the best explanahis cloak and shows his dagger, he is whether the spychers treat the matter as rone—or go public. In the petwo years five foreigners ave been asked to leave saia, all in separate incides in no case obvious enough. Even countries with a long history of friendly relations are not immune to Peeping Tommery, as the French government's expulsion of five CIA agents last year reminded us. That

active in the same game. It is even going one better by giv-ing the British ambassador a list of names. The signal to Britain ends

there. Everything else sug-gests that the Federal Security Service (the Russian suc-cessor to the KGB) and its master Boris Yeltsin have a different and more important target for their measage. Their worry is that the Rus-sian military establishment is becoming increasingly res-tive. Many of its members are discreetly flirting with the revived Communist party, hopeful that a victory by Gen-nady Zyuganov in next month's presidential election | Jonathan Steele's Eternal | would not only give them | Russia is published by Faber back lost pride but also a | and Faber

reasons of provoking a row.
For commercial and economic reasons, Moscow might have played it differently had a German spy

been caught.

Moscow continues to spy on us — Oleg Gordievsky, the KGB defector, said yesthe Secret Intelligence Service — has reduced by about two-thirds the resources it devotes to Russia and other states in the former Soviet Cardinal Léon Joseph Suenens

Charismatic chaplaincy

91, celebrated the 66th anniversary of his priestly ordination with a Mass in St Michael's Cathe-

dral, Brussels. The 88-year-old preached with his usual gusto and stressed the two themes since his ordination in that same cathedral in 1927: to be a this in memory of me." The first volume of his

autobiography, also pub-lished in 1992, was called Memories and Hopes. Though it covers the period since he became auxiliary bishop in 1945, the narrative springs to life in 1961 when Pope John XXIII made Suenens Arch-bishop of Malines and a cardi-Suenens's international

The preparations for the Second Vatican Council were in their final stages. Most of the draft texts had been pre-pared by the Roman Curia: they were defensive-minded anti-ecumenical, introverted to what Pope John had in

For Lent 1961 Suenens wrote a pastoral letter on his expectations of the Council. It caught Pope John's eye, and the Pope asked him to write a should do and what it should not do. From then on Suenens played an increasingly decisive role in the preparation of

His main contribution was to make a distinction between the inner life of the Church and the Church in relation to the world. He did not deny that the Council should be concerned with such matters as ecumenism, collegiality, the complementary roles of the priest, religious and layperson. But he felt that if the Council were to concentrate exclusively on these ques-tions, it would be a disappointment and an anti-

nuclear war. At one time he proposed a curiously named secretariat for world probbefore the Council; it was later (1967) given partial insti-tutional shape in the internaand Peace.

But back in 1962 Suenens still had to wrest control of the Council from the Curia. His ideas and language began to be reflected in Pope John's speeches. They were marked by an optimism about the modern world and a sense that the Holy Spirit was still at work in the most diverse and unexpected ways.
With the blessing of Pope

John, now mortally ill, and the aid of Cardinal Montini (the future Pope Paul VI). Suenens gradually secured

His attempt at 'consciousnessraising' made Suenens many

enemies in Rome

control over the agenda of the Council. He was so closely linked with Pope John that he was chosen to present the encyclical letter, Pacem in Terris, to the UN on April 13, 1962. And when the Council under a new Pope, it was Suenens who preached the homily on Pope John. Here was a man, he said, "who was surprisingly natural and at the same time supernatural. In him there was no

dualism.

Suenens at his best. For the remaining years of the Council (1963-5) and subsequently Suenens was commonly regarded as the spokesman "liberal" causes in the Church. However the epithet trast to a narrow Roman man-ual theology whose moralism and legalism he constantly denounced. In the Catholic University of Louvain — of which he had been acting rector during the German occupation he had a back-up team of highly competent theologians he frequently whom

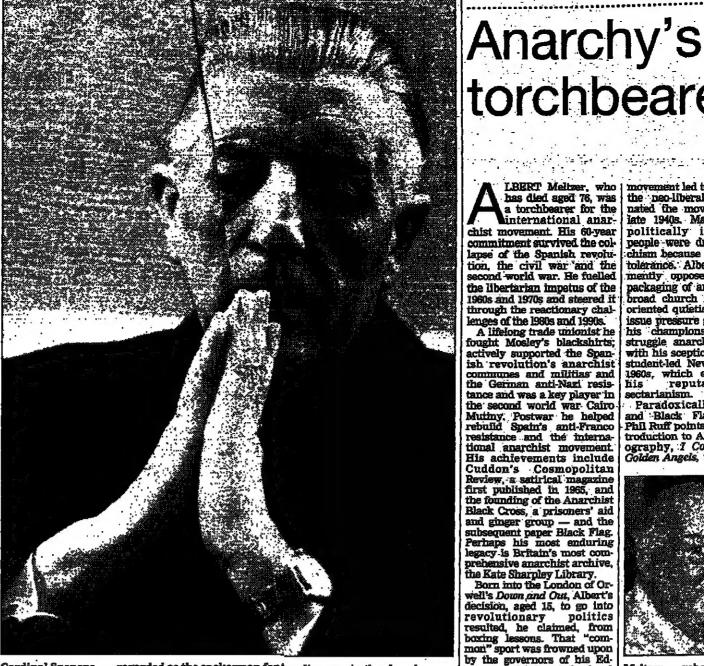
In 1968 Suenens published book. Co-responsibility In The draw out some of the consequences of the Council. All in the people of God are poten-tially equal in grace, and this radical equality precedes later distinctions of hierar-chical office.

enemies in curial Rome. He was estranged from Paul VI, whose birth-control encyclical, Humanae Vizae, could be read as a denial of the "coresponsibility of the married" (though Suenens did not say

In 1969 he compounded his error by publishing a clamor-ous interview in Le Monde and other international newspapers. He expressed his dis-satisfaction with the way the hopes of the Council were being dashed. He pinned part of the blame in the ingrained habits of the Roman Curia. He criticised the way Vatican diplomats acted as spies on the local churches. He pro-posed a new method of electing the Pope.

Suenens was accused of "making a bid for the papacy" though, if ever he had such ambitions, it was an odd way to go about realising them. And with his next book, A New Pentecost? (1974), Suen-ens disconcerted some of his admirers and sought new horizons. He became an advo-cate of the "charismatic reform was swallowed up in

But Suenens had not really changed. His old confidence in the Spirit at work in the world was simply transfered to this new movement. He knew that it had its dangers out to broader issues such as was possibly misleading. knew that it had its dangers the population explosion, the Suenens was "liberal" in con- and excesses. He wanted, in



Cardinal Suenens . . . regarded as the spokesman for 'eral' causes in the church

his own phrase, "to accompany it," to prevent it being divisive in the Church. In time, he hoped that "the charismatic movement" would movement and flow into the life of the Church generally, just as the "biblical" and liturgical movements had renewed the whole Church. Reconciled with Paul VI, Suenens became in effect the international chaplain of the Catholic charismatics. Res-

ponding to the charge that the charismatic movement took Christians away from social involvement, in 1978 he had meetings with Dom Helder

tried to build a bridge to li-. ation theology. cate of Pope John Paul Suenens, aged 75, retired fro 1979. Though his internation themes was that the Holy reputation was secure, it was spirit is the principle of sursometimes said that he "wo prise in the Church. He chose the away matches but lot "In the Holy Spirit" as his 1979. Though his internation

overmuch. He liked to quoteappropriate epitaph the phrase someone used of who dared to concern himself, and with authority, with mat-ters that were none of his

English, with a range of read-ing unusual in a churchman and a faith that was both crit ical and serene, Suenens had charm. One of his favourite This did not distress hinto the unity of his life, and an

his great predecessor — and leter Hebbiethwaite model — Cardinal Desirée eter Hebbiethwaite died in Mercier: "Here was someone jecember 1994

irn July 16, 1904; died May 6

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stime at the Mayfair Sound he 1984 album Boys Will Be Studio in central London and told Raven: "we'll try this African thing, and see what we come up with". lter El Cordobes. Matador. jtally just an album, was le staged in the US, and in Lilion in 1991, where it had

and reviews and ran for Inder's most recent venturwas as a producer of audbooks but his lasting conduction to British pop culti is the Gary Glitter soun the "African thing" creat in an all-night recording seon in 1972.

Dave ing

30, 1941; died April

LBERT Meitzer, who movement led to conflic with has died aged 76, was a torchbearer for the nated the movement to the chist movement. His 60-year politically incompaible people were drawn to nar-chism because of its milant commitment survived the collapse of the Spanish revolution, the civil war and the tolerance. Albert was the second world war. He fuelled the libertarian impetus of the

torchbearer

fought Mosley's blackshirts; actively supported the Spanish revolution's anarchist communes and militias and the German anti-Nazi resistance and was a key player in the second world war Cairosectarianism. Mutiny. Postwar he helped rebuild Spain's anti-Franco resistance and the international anarchist movement. His achievements include Cuddon's Cosmopolitan

lenges of the 1980s and 1990s.

Review, a satirical magazine first published in 1965, and the founding of the Anarchist Black Cross, a prisoners' aid and ginger group — and the subsequent paper Black Flag. Perhaps his most enduring legacy is Britain's most com-prehensive anarchist archive, the Kate Sharpley Library. Born into the London of Orwell's Down and Out, Albert's decision, aged 15, to go into revolutionary politics resulted, he claimed, from

boxing lessons. That "com-

mon" sport was frowned upon by the governors of his Ed-monton school and the local abour candidate. Dr Edith Summerskill. Perhaps it was his boxers' legs which later enabled him to bear his considerable bulk. Boxing certainly made him a shrewd judge of opponents' strengths weaknesses. The streetwise but bookish schoolstreetwise out pookish school-boy attended his first anar-chist meeting in 1935 — where he defended boxing against Emma Goldman. He ecame a dynamic partici-

pant at meetings. The anarchist-led resistance to the 1936 Franco uprising in Spain boosted Brit-ish anarchism. Albert helped to organise arms shipments from Hamburg to Spain and acted as a contact for the Spanish anarchist intelli-

His early career was as a fairgound promoter, theatre hand and occasional extra he appeared as an anarchist prisoner in Leslie Howard's anti-Nazi Pimpernel Smith, Albert was a secondhand bookseller and, finally, a Fleet Street copytaker — for the

Daily Talegraph.

While a gentle, generous and gracious soul, his championship of anarchism as a evolutionary working class

packaging of anarchism s a broad church for acadesia oriented quietists and singe 1960s and 1970s and steered it through the reactionary chalissue pressure groups. It as struggle anarchism, couled with his scepticism about se student-led New Left in 16 reputation

> Paradoxically, as friend and Black Flag cartoonit troduction to Albert's autob ography, I Couldn't Pair. Golden Angels, it was the di-



covery of class struggle anarchism through the "sectarianbert's editorship that convinced many anarchists of his and subsequent generations to become active. It brought countless young people into the anarchist movement then, and for a further 30 years until his trake last month.

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Albert Meltzer was n in scrutably private mai. He often seemed like a memoer of quite knew if he was thre to make up numbers or a the bert, all privilege was the enemy of freedom; not jut the privilege of capitalists, lines. but also the petty aspiraons of opportunists among the

Albert's pungent autolography pulled no punches, nd was a Schvejkian accountof an enemy of humbug andnfondly remembered by the of us whose lives he touche.

Stuart Christie

Albert Meltzer, anarchist, bei January 7, 1920; died May .

Birthdays

Sir David Attenborough, naturalist and broadcaster, 70; Peter Benchley, novelist, 56; Jack Charlton, former footballer and football manager, 61; Viviana Durante, ballerina, 29; Gary Glitter, rock singer, 52: Heather Harper, soprano, 66; Lord Justice Hoffmann, High Court judge, 62; Keith Jarrett, jazz musician, composer. 51: Norman Lamont MP, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, 54; Father Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, 75: Felicity Lott, soprano, 49; Vice-Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, Chief of Fleet Support, 60: Dr John Reid, Labour MP. 49: Dennis Scard, general sec-retary, Musicians' Union, 53: Alastair Service, former secretary, Family Planning Association, 63; Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, secretary, Council of Justice for Animals and Humane Slaughter Association, 59; David Sole, rugby manager, 34; Gary Wilmot, entertainer, 40.

Death Notices

19th of April 1995, aged 80 Mr Portrar Cremation in The Option Crappel, Harmorri was attended by relietives and marriments, Including Alan Keem MP, Stai Neverte, M.E.P. the Chalman of The Cooperative Retail Service Regional Commisse, Derek Hoesand, the National Organiser of The Woodcraft Folk, Andy Piercy and The Cooperative Parry Partiamentary Liaison Officer, Andy Love. The Service was given by Clir. Ann Witeeler and Barry Yases. Mr Porter a member of The Labour Parry since 1931 was a retired teacher and had lived in Ashiford since 1958. He held many offices in the local Labour Party since 1931 was a retired teacher and the Cooperative Parry during his litetime. He was a senior member of The National Limon of Teachers and a long time member of The Woodcraft Folk. The Co-operative Childrens and Youth Organisation. Mr Parter was also a member of The Spetithorne. The Socialist Education Association and Friends of the Country of Middlesses. His dedication to socialism and co-operation will be easily missed by all

in Memoriam

SPREN, Morman. Died 8th of May 1995 His death has brought great sorrow; but his life has brought us great loy. Jak and Torn.

Mike Leander . . . a talent for sound PHOTOGRAPH ERIC WILKINS

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Inventing all that glitters

IKE Leander, who | Raven's job was to "warm up" has died of cancer aged 54, will be remembered mainly for his contribution to the sound and persons of pantomime rock star Gary Glitter. As a songwriter and arranger. Leander was also an important contributor to the British pop scene for more

than 20 years. Born Michael Farr in East London, he played in a skiffle group at school and briefly studied law before joining a music publishing company in 1961. Two years later he was musical director at Decca Records, the company which, with EMI, then dominated the record industry.

At Decca he arranged and produced hits by Billy Fury, Lulu and Marianne Faithfull, whose records he decorated with oboes and harpsicords. "My hair wasn't very long. I didn't do drugs and I think I was viewed as reliable, dependable and respected for whatever musical skills I was Leander's view of his role at the time.

With Andrew Loog Oldham, manager of Faithfull and the Rolling Stones, Leander composed the theme music for the cult television show Ready Steady Go! Visiting the set of the programme he met Paul Raven, the future Gary Glitter. At Ready Steady Go!. the audience. Impressed with Raven's talent, Leander made him vocalist with the Mike Leander Orchestra, which toured with the Bachelors. Next he proposed Raven for the male lead in *Privilege*, a film for which Leander wrote the score. However the producers and director Peter Watkins preferred the better known Paul Jones from the Manfred Mann group, and Jones's version of the lachry-mose I've Been A Bad Bad Boy

ongwriter in 1967. He had further success with competent pop pieces like Lady Godiva (for Peter and Gordon) and Early In The Morning (Vanity Fare) before joining the newly established London office of MCA Records in 1969. At MCA Leander produced

gave Leander his first hit as a

hits for the New Zealand-born crooner John Rowles recorded the London cast of Godspell and acted as executive producer on the album star by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Among the background vocalists was Paul Raven, with whom Leander made several records be-fore Raven's rebirth as Gary Glitter. The most bizarre of these was We Are All Living In One Place by Rubber Bucket, a singalong piece to

the tune of Amazing Grad Metsham Assembly Hall, which was inspired by Wilt, in July 1972.
renowned squat at 144 Piccs Wih two drummers and dily, close to the MCA offices

known — among the rejecter sound to equal that of the sucalternatives were Terry Tin cession of hit singles he cosel. Vicky Vomit and Turi write with Gary Glitter besel. Vicky Vomit and Turi write with Gary Glitter bethrust— the originality of tween 1972 and 1975. These the Gary Glitter sound has brought him an Ivor Novello been under-appreciated. Le Award for songwriting, but in ander later recalled that heithelate 1970s he took a break had been listening to the from the music business and "black voodoo rock" of artists moved with his family to like Dr John as well as vari-Majorca. ous African artists such as Although Leander was John Kongos. Leander booked time at the Mayfair Sound he 1984 album Boys Will Be

What they came up with was a 14-minute piece built up from layers of drums and guitar parts, with hand-clapping, chanting and Gary Glitter calling out the key words "rock 'n roll" and 'hey" in

response to the guitar riffs. The recording was split into sections and issued as Rock 'n' Roll, Paris I and 2 early in 1972. Mainstream radio ignored it but the track bacame a favourite in discotheques Sales slowly increased and Leander and Glitter set about creating the famous Bacofoil outfit for Glitter's first live show, which took place at

Mike Inder (Michael Farr) born Ju 18, 1996

queues. Imagine having to put up with SUPER-CRUMBLIES!!! (Auberon Waugh with muscles) with the strengh to beat you up Carole Morin expresses con cern at the prospect of a pro-longed Auberon Waugh in the

many old bints pushing their

way to the front of the taxi

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Alien access

Aliens get the green light to land in Nevada as Carla Hall, spying for UFO magazine, discovers that desolate Nevada 375 has officially been christened the Extra Terrestial Highway. "Four Highway signs proclaiming the new

status who up in the next couple of onths. Of course they're gig to be both horithey land, us Tom Hait, exvada Gover Bob Mills suggested that signs be placed



small we're worried they'll be stolen." said Tom Stephens. director of Nevada's Department of Transportation. Substanance for landing aliens can be got at the highway's only restaurant/bar/mote the Little A'Le'Inn which will be serving alien burgers.

Sign off

Prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness and imploring the favour of its apostlic benediction, I have the honour to be. Very Holy Father, with deepest veneration of your holi-ness, the most humble and most obedient servant and son/daughter."

Epistolary sign-off for writ-ing to the Pope, as recom-mended by France's leading correspondence guide. Le Parait Secretaire, printed in Newsweek.

Project

"I have a certain presence and a way of projecting myself that attracts people more than my breasts A contradiction in terms from

Gamekeeper

"I was just a military policeman carrying out normal duties . . . I didn't go there to kill other people's kids."

Words spoken by Slobodan. Miljkovic, called "Lugar" the Gamekeeper - who, eyewitnesses allege, had 50 Coat and Muslim Bosnian civil ians lined up against a wai and took part in shooting 8 of them, sliced an old mans throat with a broken chair clubbed another Bosnian man to death and savagely beat a Croat priest and five others with a police baton, metal wrench and a car jac (to name just a jew of his not mal activities).

From a special investigation into Balkan war crimes in Time Magazine.

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Emily Sheffield

followers and is the author of How to Get Your Girlfriend. Wife, or Date to Blow You and How to Get Strippers And Other Erotic Professionals in Bed. lackdaw picks out a few of his supposedly successful techniques from an article on the sex muster in Marie-Claire. 1. Adopt Power attitudes of sexual aggression such as. Think: being with me is the

make her work for more. 2. What to say when a woman cancels a date: 'Look, you made a commitment to spend time with me and now you are blowing me out. You're disrespecting me and my time and I'm not going to put up with it. My rule is, if someone makes a commitment to me, I expect them to keep it. If they can't keep it. I need to know at least a day in advance. Got it? " and then hang up. (Apparently the woman will ring back in five minutes and ask you out.) 3. Learn Jeffries' specialised conversation patterns. For example, the "Instant blow-job" pattern, which uses the the metaphor of sucking on a bar of chocolate and employs the line "You may think those thoughts are above me, but really I think

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Faise Alarm

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jimmy

an can make and, give a wom-an a little bit of what she wants, then pull back and they're below me" (pro-nounced blow-me — this is called "Phonetic Ambiguity").

news that 2,200 Soviet missiles had been launched toward the US. The adviser alerted the Strategic Air Command and was ready to call the President when Odom called again. False alarm. A military exercise tape had mistakenly been put in the computer system. Brzezinski never woke his wife, figuring everyone would be dead in 30 minutes. One of the many anecdotes released by ex-CIA chief Robert Gates in his book of memoirs From the Shadows: The Ulti-mate Insider's Story of Five Presidents and How They Won

Adviser, was sound asleep

when his military aide Bill Odom called at 3 am with the

Time Magazine. **Ginger Git**

the Cold War, reviewed in

I'm what most people would call a Ginger nut. I've got red hair, very fair skin and I'm covered in freckles. This summer. I'm determined not to end up red and burnt. Plus I'd rather not be splattered with any more freckles if I can help until they're a 120, is terrify-it. What skin products are the ing. There are already too

sensitive skin?' Was this Chris Evans spotted by Jackdaw secretely trying to write in for grooming advice from FHM? Is it a reaction to Tony Parsons of the Daily Mirror saying: "I never said you were ugly Chris. But if my dog had a face like that, I would shave its bottom and teach it to walk back-

best for someone with such

wards."???? Chris; according to Tony, was in fact in Barbados only last week watching his skin turn "a hideous, peeling pink." Could these harsh words have spurred Evans to seek skin advice?

Old Gits Old Gits aren't dying any

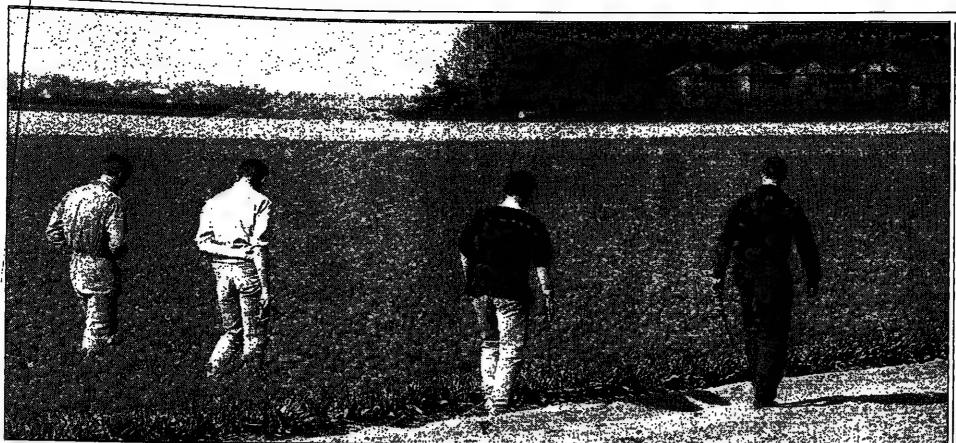
more. They're taking melatonin, an age reversing hor-mone which, according to Walt and Bill, the septuagenarian doctors promoting its 120 by tricking the body clock. The idea of a growing army of crumblies swallowing their youth potion every night, exacting a pension

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. . Dutch farmworkers near Biddinghuizen check their tulips for colour defects so problems for the bulb export trade can be nipped in the bud

Government unplugged

£1.73bn US bid for Midlands

OVERNMENT disin's electricity industry looked set to intensify art night as the City braced tielf for a new wave of for eign takeovers in the wake of the agreed £1.73 billion bid for Midlands Electricity from two US utilities. The bid for

MEB by Ohio-based CINergy and General Public Utitilies of New Jersey leaves only five of the original 12 regional electricity companies priva-tised in 1990 in independent hands. The City expects Southern Electric to be the next target for foreign predators, led by the Americans.

Thousands of jobs have been axed in the industry since privatisation but Avon Energy, the joint venture over £70 million formed to take over MEB, im- But their bid

result of the bid. MEB has cut 1,200 jobs in the past three years, realising annual sav-ings of £30 million.

The bid — pitched at 440p a share — is the latest in a eries of incursions into the UK electricity market by US firms who have taken over two regional companies. The two US groups consoli-

dated the move by snapping up an estimated 15 per cent of Midlands shares by last night. This puts them behind Power-Gen, the generator blocked from buying MEB by the Government, which is still sitting on 20 per cent of the compaprovoked calls from Labour and the unions for the Government to clarify its policy on takeovers in the privatised electricity sector following last week's surprise announcement that it was main-taining a golden share in the two main generators in a move widely seen as an at-tempt to halt foreign

Labour's energy spokesman John Battle said: "At the moment the Government is doing nothing but spreading confusion in this sector. They should make the policy clear and they should ensure that tricity at the public services

got a grip on the takeover frenzy in the electricity industry. If Avon is successful it will mean that nearly 25 per dustry will be in American hands." Avon is offering MEB

shareholders 420p in cash per share and a special dividend of 20p a share. MEB chairman Bryan Townsend, who is sit-ting on shares worth £400,000 under the terms of the offer, is set to leave the company but other senior directors will stay — including chief execu-tive Mike Hughes. Mr Town-send welcomed the offer say-ing it was "very much business as usual."

Southern Electric was beading the list of bid targets | for Norweb.

London, Yorkshire and East Midlands, with Northern be-hind the field because of its heavy indebtedness. All saw their shares move up as the City prepared itself for the

SWEB has already fallen into the hands of the Southern Company of Atlanta, Georgia, the group which provoked the Government action on golden shares by expresaing an interest in turning its fire on National Power. See-

board is now controlled by Central South Western, the Sir Michael Perry attempt they begin to put the interests of consumers first." yesterday to restore a degree of objectivity to the debate when he noted that the prob-US firm which, with fellow US utility Houston, had

'Go-quietly' deal for Woolwich chief

HE disgraced former chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society, Peter Robinson, will be spared further action over his "irregular" expense claims if he agrees to drop any claim for severance pay - which could amount to as much as £300,000.

emerged yesterday.

Mr Robinson quit the company abruptly last month the case founded. made a series of irregular exes claims. He also faced charges sur-

rounding the use of company cars and the use of society Woolwich directors are employees for work carried drawing up the "go-quietly" out in his home and gardens.

> The source added that although convertible bonds

were likely to play an impor-

tant part in the refinancing other proposals could include

the direct conversion of debt for equity and convertible

bonds. The agreement is ex-

Two associations defending small shareholders' interests

expect to be joined by protest-

ers from other countries, in-

cluding Britain, in the hope of

stopping a move which could cause another sharp drop in

testers will march to the Eur-

otunnel information office

where they expect to meet

if the two French associa-tions do not get satisfaction, they will take legal action against the financial institu-

Eurotunnel's co-chairman

Patrick Ponsolle, said yester

day that he considered the at-

tempt by the banks to ex-change debt for shares as unfair, and they would not

receive the company's

tions later in the year.

government representatives

Eurotunnel values. The

advisers prepare to hand over to use the document, which comprehensive dossier on has been drawn up after exthe allegations against Mr haustive investigation by law-Robinson to his lawyers, it yers Linklaters and accountemerged yesterday. press upon Mr Robinson that the case against him is well

> decided that there is no poss ible case for paying Mr Robinson any financial compensation although he was on a 12-

has decided not to demand the return of the disputed expenses if it can agree a prompt settlement over his

departure.

Many of the disputed expense payments represent a "grey area" which means the financial liability would be

difficult to quantify.

Meanwhile, acting chief executive Donald Kirkham yesterday said that media re- cial officer this week. month service contract and ports about Mr Robinson's sarned an annual salary of resignation had been "pretty a wave of take-over specula- perform well.

inson's departure was really brought about by a loss of trust and confidence on the part of the society's board. The allegations are relatively minor in terms of money, but major in terms of trust and confidence."

The Woolwich is compiling a shortlist for a new chief executive officer and expects to announce its next chief finan-

The controversy has fuelled

Both the Prudential and the Royal Bank of Scotland are quiring the building society. Mr Kirkham said: "The takeover speculation is cer-tainly going on in the Press and certainly among the chattering classes but when it comes to people within the City of London, then the takeover speculation subsides."
He added that the Woolwich

business was continuing to

Eurotunnel's bankers create lifesaving bond

Eurotunnel's £8 billion debt with an innovative convertible bond are at the heart of the financial package being put together by the company's 225 banks. The plan, backed up by other financial instruments.

would involve swapping part of the company's debt into a 'low coupon convertible bond". This would offer Eurotunnel, which was six months ago forced to request a freeze on its £2 million-a-day inter-est payments, a longer term way of reducing its debts.

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In return for agreeing a lower than market return on their lending, banks would be compensated by corresponding amounts of the equity being converted into bonds on

a rolling basis.
The resulting bonds would be tradeable. But debt specialists yesterday pointed out that Eurotunnel debt was already trading at around 33p in the £1, reflecting pessimism about the company.

The news emerged amid suggestions that the banks would be in a position to agree an outline plan for the refinancing package by the end of the week. But sources close to the bankers warned that final resolution was quite some time off.

Norris banned over Barings failure

High-flying former chief executive kicked out of regulated investment industry for three years. Patrick Donovan reports

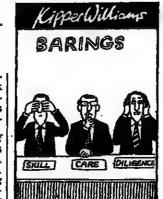
banned from working as a director in the regulated investment industry for at least three years by the Securities and Futures Authority after admitting that he shared responsibility for last year's collapse of the City's oldest investment

pected also to feature a "reve-nue bond", whereby the banks would be entitled to take part of Eurotunnel's Mr Norris, who was the chief executive officer of Baring Investment Bank, will also pay £10,000 in costs to the SFA which took Meanwhile, hundreds of French Eurotunnel shareholders will go by train from Paris to the Calais terminal the action against him as today to protest against bank part of its inquiry into why sibility for the circucumplans to turn their debts into

ORMER high-flying top directors failed to pre-Barings director Peter Norris has been top directors failed to pre-vent "rogue trader" Nick Leeson building up hunvent "rogue trader" Nick dreds of millions of pounds worth of disastrous deriva-

He is the first of nine of the bank's former directors to be disciplined by the SFA over the Barings affair. Several of them, including Mr Leeson's direct superior, Ron Baker, are now contesting the findings of the SFA investigation.
The SFA said yesterday: "Mr Norris has acknowledged that, by virtue of his

position, he shares respon-



stances which led to the col The SFA added that Mr Norris also accepted that he

care and diligence during

ary 25 and February 24 1995 with regard to the reportedly held by Barings in its switching business on SIMEX (the Singapore based exchange) and the Japanese exchanges". Mr Norris also admitted

that he falled to act prop-erly over the discovery of an unreconciled £50 million trade in January 1995, known as the "SLK known as the

Receivable".

Mr Ron Baker is understood to be in the process of contesting the SFA's find-ings over his role in the collapse of Barings.

Mr Baker, the former head of Barings' financial products group, is due to hand a formal statement to

New car sales hit two-year high

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

OVERNMENT hopes that April's tax cuts would bolster consumer confidence appeared to have been met yesterday when it emerged that sales of new cars rose by more than 17 per cent last month to record their biggest increase in two

According to the Society of totalled 162,218 in April, an the same period of 1995.

increase of 17.14 per cent on Neil Marshall, policy directors continue to grab a growthe same month last year. More significantly, sales to individual buyers were up by just under 16 per cent, indicating that consumers are returning to the showrooms. Although car sales had managed to rise gradually this year, it had been sales to company car fleets that had accounted for all of the

growth to date. April's sharp increase means that car sales for the Motor Manufacturers and first four months now total Traders, sales of new cars 693,667, up by 4.45 per cent on

vate buyers held the key to recovery in the car market. The biggest jump in sales to individuals for over two years was evidence that "the feel-good factor may well be com-

ing back". He said: "The combination of tax cuts and good news in the housing market may be kicking this marketplace into gear, which I'm sure the politicians will seize upon." One worrying aspect to the figures was that imported said.

taking 61.3 per cent in April. There were also signs that recent strong growth in the sale of new trucks and vans is petering out with commercial vehicle sales up by less than 1 per cent to 21,857.

Ernie Thompson, SMMT chief executive, said the fig-ures disproved recent criticism of the industry for

overcharging.
"The outstanding value of today's new cars should encourage increasing sales," he

More than just beef at stake



Edited by Mark Milner

from incipient trade dis-putes. Just now, however, there seem to be more Lemen manual.

cross with the US over the prospect of sanctions on nonand Libya. It is disappointed by the American attitude over exclusion unless there is less talk of human rights.

At home the EU is still struggling to reach a deal on the domestic electricity market, there are mutterings about the extent to which US ish electricity sector— this at a time when, for example, Britain's Lucas is contemplat

ing a merger with America's Varity Corporation. Perhaps the most worrying of all the disputes, however, is that between Britain and its EU partners over the ban on British beef.

Even taken in isolation, the issue would have been difficult to resolve. In the event it seems to have served as a focus for a hysterical outbreak of Euro-scepticism in which Britain's entire relationship with the EU has been called into question.

It was refreshing, therefore, to hear Unilever chairman lems and the solutions to the 'mad cow" affair lie nearer to

He is right, too, to warn of the risks of the row over BSE and bans to poison the development of Britain's relations with the rest of the EU. Banging the table, or even threatening to leave it, over beef is hardly likely to get the ban lifted quickly.

Even if it were, the perception that European politi-cians had bowed to threats would be unlikely to resolve the crisis of consumer confi-

Morton's bond

UROTUNNEL'S long-suffering bankers are increasingly impatient about the time it is taking to reschedule the project's £8 billion borrowings. Talks have been continuing ever since Eurotunnel's £2 milliona-day interest rate payments were suspended six months ago. Yet only now have banks been able to agree on the ba-sics of what will be the world's biggest financial restructuring programme.

A straight debt-for-equity swap has proved hard to

achieve. Eurotunnel's chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, has

resolutely opposed the idea because it would erode the rights of existing shareholders. On the other hand, a laners. On the other hand, a languishing share price has meant that any meaningful swap deal would effectively hand the company to the banks. Nor are the banks likely to be sympathetic towards the kind of debt write-

offs proposed by small The bare bones of a refi-nancing deal do now, hownancing deal do now, however, appear to be emerging.
Instead of a straight equity swap, however, it will be partly based on converting debt into low coupon convert-

For Eurotunnel, this offers the advantage of reducing its viding a long term method of cutting its unsustainably high financing costs. In return, the bond would be structured in such a way that receiving lower than market interest rates through extra equity added into the value of the bond on a rolling basis.

The instrument would be tradeshie on the debt markets and could be converted into equity when market condi-tions became more favourable. Proposals have yet to be put to the Eurotunnel board but it might be well advised to look favourably at the bond scheme. No doubt there will be difficulties. Anything involv-ing 225 banks and Sir Alastair is going to be uphill. But, in principle, it looks to offer a basis for compromise and may be the last chance for Eurotunnel to secure its future.

Just for once, there may be light at the end of the tunnel the other way.

Post-poli plans

T IS a mark of the tiredness of Tory thinking that when the party is stuck in the doldrums it turns with unques tioning vigour to ideas that deserve to remain at the bottom of the barrel.

In other words: when in doubt, roll out Post Office orivatisation.

The last time the formula was tried by the Government was when Emma Nicholson defected to the Liberal Democrats earlier in the year. Then John Major, no less, immediately reintroduced the hugely unpopular sale of the Post Office as a way of showing that he remained on the leading edge of political innova-

So, with a drubbing in the local elections behind it, the Government has given the issue another run out Ministers appear to agree that they can win round the dissident banckbenchers who forced them to abandon the sell-off nearly two years ago.

They want to have a fresh go after the election. Not only that, but they want to privatise all parts of the Post Office including Counters, which they left out last time thinking that would be enough to placate anxious colleagues in rural consituencies. The danger for the party is

that what it could once claim to be economic radicalism is now widely come to be seen

'Merge MMC' call attacked

USINESS leaders last night criticised the Labour Party's calls for a unified Office of Fair Trading and Monopolies & Merg-ers Commission as bostile to industry, further fuelling the row over how to safeguard competition.

The Confederation of British Industry recommended that the current system of two tinue, setting out its propos-als in an official response to the Government's investiga-tion into competition policy

Both the Labour Party and the former director-general of fair trading, Sir Bryan Cars-berg, have backed a merger of

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headed by the equivalent of a High Court judge who would review decisions of the OFT. Labour's call for a public interest clause to be introduced into merger investigations, requiring firms to prove the public benefit of a proposed

the two authorities.

The CBI said it firmly be-

lieved in the separation of the powers of adjudication and

prosecution represented by the two bodies. But it recom-

mended beefing up the OFT

as a new Competition Authority to do the investigatory

work now shared with the

The MMC would be renamed the Competition

acquisition, was also criti-cised by the CBI in a sum-mary of its own proposals.

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BP spurts ahead in spite of price war

RITISH Petroleum yesterday underlined the impact of the petrol price war tomers and improve the qual-by warning that despite ity of their service. Clearly, it stable crude oil prices, it expects the battle of the forecourts to continue in the near

Announcing a 36 per cent improvement in first quarter pre-tax profits to £629 million - BP's best first quarter figures for a decade — group chief executive John Browne said BP, like its rivals, had

months, against profits of £16 million for the same period last year, which Mr Browne said was due largely to competitive pressures.

However, he said BP had improved its market share during the price war, and promised the group would continue to fight its corner.

But Mr Browne denied BP had received a favour from Esso, which started the price war with its Price Watch campaign in January, and played down suggestions that the strategy for BP and other

big oil companies was to wipe out independent rivals. He said: "Many people have tried to move prices up over the last few months, so something must be happening. Our market share is improving, and we will con-tinue to be there. But there are still too many service stations in Britain."

Meanwhile, the chairman Sir David Simon, insisted that the better-than-expected tirely from BP's own efforts, rather than from increased

oil prices. He said half of the improvement was due to cost savings. The rest was due to higher volumes, with demand for gas particularly buoyant dur-ing an unusually long, hard

Sir David highlighted opportunities from proposed tic gas market, being tested in the South-west, aimed at allowing consumers to shop He said: "BP can supply gas to a wider number of cus-

is a growing market, and quality suppliers who under-stand marketing will have advantages. But Mr Browne said the BP's pecotiations with British Gas over so-called "take

or pay" contracts signed in the late 1980s. British Gas is seeking to renegotiate terms on gas it bought at high fixed been hit by the price war.

BP ran up marketing and refining losses of £4 million in Britain during the three unable to sell on to

"Discussions with British Gas are continuing, but what will happen in the domestic market is uncertain to every-

one." he said.

Despite the improvement in profits, analysts said the City had grown used to BP beating its targets and reacted with disappointment at its failure to increase the interim dividend. Shares

closed down 13p at 569p. Responding to criticism over the dividend, Sir David said the first quarter stage was not a point to review dividend policy and indicated that an increase could be made at the half-year

stage.
He said: "We look at the dividend over the course of the entire year, and the interim stage is very much the appropriate time to review

Elsewhere, Mr Browne said BP expected oil to con-tinue trading at between \$18-\$19.50 a barrel over the next few months but said he expected little news on the possibility of Iraq resuming oil exports in the near future. Talks with Iraq were due to restart last night, but Mr Browne said: "People change their minds the whole time, but my personal opinion is that it will not get solved just yet and that we are no closer to a solution than in the



Exchange seat sold in \$1.45m deal

A SEAT on the New York Stock Exchange sold for \$1.45 million (£966,000) yesterday, topping the previous high of \$1.25 million on March 8. Rising seat prices are usually associated with high-flying markets. Previously, seats sold for \$1.25 million in March and February. Before that, \$1.15 million was paid in September 1967 — about a month before the stock market crashed. Owning a NYSE seat confers membership, giving the holder

the right to trade stocks and vote in exchange meetings. There are 1.366 seats on the NYSE, a number fixed since 1953. Yesterday's price reflects the stock market rally that saw the Dow Jones industrial average rise about 42 per cent since the start of 1995. The exchange does not release the names of buyers and sellers. — Bloomberg

French connection

VODAFONE Group said it raised its stake in Société Française du Radiotelephone, a French mobile phone company, to 18.5 per cent from 10 per cent. The transaction is valued at Ffr2.3 billion (£296 million). On July 29, Vodafone will pay about Ffr1.84 billion in cash and will make a further cash payment of Ffr467.4 million on July 29, 2001, for the raised stake in SFR. Vodafone has the option to increase its holding in SFR to up to 20 per cent by the end of next year at the same non-share refer. of next year at the same per-share price.

"Our strategy is to increase our overseas shareholdings wherever possible," Gerald Whent, chief executive of Vodafone, said in a statement. — Bloomberg

Young save for future

ALMOST half of UK teenagers are planning ahead by saving more than they spend, according a survey published today by the Halifax Building Society. It says that thrift is fashionable for 43 per cent of all 16/17-year-olds, up from 28 per cent last year. Teenagers can hope for an average £10.80 pocket money from their parents. Young Halifax savers will receive a bonus worth 10 per cent of their balance when the society becomes a bank early next year. — Cliff Jones

Gummer admits delay

ENVIRONMENT Secretary John Gummer yesterday admitted that the Government was still not ready to publish regulations on the recycling of packaging which are required by the European Union Packaging Directive to be in place by the end of next month. After years of negotiations, industry representatives have agreed how the total recycling obligation will be divided between four sectors of the packaging chain, with just under half being met by retailers. But Sir Peter Parker has been asked to chair an advisory committee which will try to hammer out detailed regu-lations. Mr Gummer said he hoped to publish the draft regulations "in the near future". - Roger Coure

MAID visits hotel rooms

SHARES of MAID, the online information services group, jumped 23p to 245p yesterday after the company announced it had won a contract to provide online business information to Granada's 355

Under the terms of the deal, MAID will provide guests at the hotels with business information on the internet, enabling them to access the information from their hotel room. — Ian King

Business park planned

UP TO 4,000 jobs could be created in south Manchester over the next decade with the development of a 49-acre business park at Wythenshawe, joint developers Manchester City Council and Arlington Securities said yesterday. Their pooled land holdings will form Manchester Airport Business Park, with the aim of attracting leading companies in the computer, electronics and light manufacturing sectors to the airport's international doorstep. Graham Stringer, council leader, said aims included maximising local job opportunities. — Martyn Halsall



India sells itself to the market

OUTLOOK/Suzanne Goldenberg reports on how the prospects for the poor might improve with inward investment

N a village on the eastern edges of India, where the lives of the poor have only a passing acquaintance with the 20th century, Laloo Prasad Yadav was rattling off the names of foreign countries like an incantation. "I have been to Singapore, to the United States and to the UK," India's most charischief minister of India's second largest state told the ea of expectant faces.

And everywhere he went, Mr Yadav said, he found business people eager to invest in his native Bihar. He had travelled far and wide, he said, and this would assure their prosperity. The crowd cheered. But, given the level the local as well as the inter-of corruption and lawlessness national community that the in Bihar, the fact is that nobody is investing there. Like Mr Yadav, or Laloo as

among men here is barely 25 raj, the planned economy and per cent, and Mohammed tortuous red tape of the past.

"A tacit national consensus is emerging that we do need" ters are the only women in the village of 15,000 to progress beyond primary school. But it is a measure of the

broad acceptability of the market reforms which India introduced in 1991, that Mr Yadav had to pay tribute to foreign investment, even in places so remote that liberalsation has had little impact. india's reform programme has remained in the back

ground in the campaign for general elections, where voting in all but a handful of seats wound up yesterday. While there is concern in coalition government which is expected to emerge by mid-May may be too weak or too

areas of foreign investment and especially in infrastruc-ture." Vishwanath Pratan Vishwanath Pratap Singh, a former Indian prime minister and Janata Dal leader, said. "The interna-tional reality is that the world economies are integrating

We have to accept that we are too big to insulate ourselves from this process." India's outgoing finance minister, Manmohan Singh. has estimated the country will need to invest \$200 billion (£135 billion) in infrastructure over the next decade, and

whether Indians like it or not.

from abroad. The ruling Congress party has has said it will introduce he is universally known, most of the people in Salmari village belong to poor, peasant knowledged that India will families. The literacy rate never return to the licence party, which is widely fore sphere. This has united power in the people in Salmari village belong to poor, peasant knowledged that India will chauvinist Bharatiya Janata tionals in the consumer goods then, the southern state of try's fiscal diagrams. The literacy rate never return to the licence party, which is widely fore sphere. This has united in the people in Salmari village belong to poor, peasant knowledged that India will chauvinist Bharatiya Janata tionals in the consumer goods then, the southern state of try's fiscal diagrams.

cast to win the most seats though that is no guarantee it will be able to form a government — has said it is in favour of foreign investment in infrastructure and hi-tech industries. While the Communist Party of India (Marxist) has called for the rolling back of reforms. West Bengal, where it holds power, has been aggressively pursuing foreign investment.

IKE his counterparts in other Indian states, the communist chief minister of West Bentravelled to the West to seek investment. The loosening of central economic controls national community that the that the money will come ties in India means that process will continue no matter what government comes to power in New Delhi.

Hindu extremists, the left and I environmentalists in the selfeliance movement BJP extremists have been at the forefront of the occasionally violent campaigns

against the entry of multina-tionals, including the sacking of the first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise at Banga-lore in January. However, the restaurant has re-opened, and is doing a roaring business under armed guard, and a spokesman for KFC said it was looking for space to open a second outlet in the city.

And the western states of

Maharashtra, where the BJP is part of the governing coalition, and of Guiarat, where it rules in its own right, have been quick to open up to inscrapped a \$2.8 billion power project by the US firm Enron

given its approval to a \$1 billion dollar Cogentrix power plant. Hyundai and Ford are to build car plants in neighbouring Tamil Nadu. While 1995 asw a slowdown

of direct foreign investment as businesses wait to see what kind of government emerges, portfolio investment has been flowing in. Since Jaruary, more than \$1 billion has been invested in Bombay's stock markets, and analysts expect an additional \$3 billion by the end of the calendar year. The figures compare well with a total of \$5 billion dollars in portfolio investment from

Analysts say this reflects a belief in the fundamentals of vestors. While Maharashtra cent growth rate, a 10 per cent industrial growth rate and corporate profits of 25 to 30 Development last summer, it renegotiated the deal on more advantageous terms. Since could not address the comthen, the southern state of try's fiscal defict, so increas-

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Lloyd's may fail solvency test

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S, the insurance market beset by litigious
Names and horrendous iosses, might fail government solvency tests later this year. according to figures contained in the insurance market's 1995 annual report published yesterday.

The report shows that Lloyd's central fund contained just over £540 million at the end of December. Lloyd's can earmark its central resources to allow the Names to pass their Depart-ment of Trade and Industry solvency tests. But the sum of money earmarked in the lat-

tral fund, at about £1 billion.

A Lloyd's spokesman said he was confident that Lloyd's would pass the solvency tests when they are carried out in August. He said that the report's figures were already out of date. If there was still a shortfall in August, it would be met by allowing Lloyd's to add in its net assets. This would include the market's famous futuristic Lime Street headquarters which Lloyd's still owned at the end of 1995, even though it was sold in February.

The spokesman said that the financial pressure on Lloyd's would be significantly which is taking over the old relaxed if the settlement deal liabilities, is expected to be would be appealed.

this summer.
Lloyd's chairman, David Rowland, whose annual salary was unchanged last year at £450,000, said in the report: "We are seeking to improve the offer in various ways."

Mr Rowland, who has agreed to continue as chairman to the end of 1997, is ex-

pected to write to the Names next weekend giving more details of this improvement. Not only is the original \$2.8 billion expected to be increased to more than £3.1 billion, but the cost to the Names of setting up Equitas. the reinsurance company

est report was double the cen- | with the Names goes ahead | around £1 billion, rather than the £1.9 billion initially

> Lloyd's efforts to persuade the Names to accept the deal were boosted yesterday by a High Court ruling which said the market did have the right to force Names to pay claims which had been paid on their behalf by the central fund. A Lloyd's spokesman said he hoped the ruling would encourage Names to accept the deal. He warned that those who rejected it would be pur-

sued for payment. However, a spokesman for the 2.500-strong Writs Res-ponse Group, which spon-sored the case, said the ruling

Chiroscience on the up 450

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Big spender to inject £40m more

TONY MAY examines a star of Britain's

emerging biotech sector

HIROSCIENCE, one of a handful of fledgling biotechnology companies which have soared in value on an enthused stock market, yesterday sought to secure finance for the next three years by asking for 240 million from sharebolders.

The share issue, which was signalled last month, will give shareholders the right to buy one share at 410p for every seven held. About 10.3 million new shares will be sold.

Noting the rocketing value of the sector leader, British Biotech, over four years, investors have piled into other shares in the sec-tor and the British industry is now second only to the US's in size. News of the fundraising sent Chiroscience shares up 7.7 per cent to 490p, a gain of 35p a share, amid a general rise in hiotechnology stocks.

John Padfield, the chief

company was spending £1 million a month on drug development, but that the new cash might be the last it preded to write here it it needed to raise before its products started to hit the market.
Mr Padfield said that the

European biotechnology sector was full of loss-making firms, each racing products to market before their development cash ran out. "There is nothing worse than having only three to six months' money. It places companies at a disadvantage when negotiating with learn a barrier and the six months in with learn a barrier and the six months are a six months. ing with larger pharmaceutical companies," he said.
Chiroscience is focusing

on "chiral" drug develop-ment, purified versions of established drugs, and other projects. Chiroscience

losses rose from £9.3 million to £11.6 million in the year to the end of February - needs to increase its monthly expenditure to cover commitments to its levobupivacaine local anaestheffc.

The group also announced the £5.5 million acquisition of a pilot-scale development facility from Merck of Germany which will help Chiroscience resin intotechnology stocks.

John Padfield, the chief fectively to the requirements of its clinical trials.

Stanley Leisure to get Carter

TANLEY Leisure, the casino and betting shop operator, is expected to confirm later this week that it is buying Gus Carter, the struggling Sunderland-based bookmaker, for around £13 million. Liverpool-based Stanley,

Britain's fourth biggest betting chain, remained tightlipped yesterday after Gus Carter confirmed that negotiations were at an "advanced

The deal would give Stanley, which owns more than 400 betting shops across the country, a presence for the first time in the North-east, where Gus Carter owns 72 betting shops, and where the group is a household name. Gus Carter's fortunes bave been nothing short of disastrous since its flotation in May last year.

Like other bookmakers, Gus Carter has been hit hard y competition from the National Lottery, and particularly from the introduction of scratcheards.

have responded to the intro- is likely to be a stronger mar- pitch his bid for Gus Carter at



Only one winner . . . Bookies across the land paid out on Mark of Esteem as it took the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday

racing without enthusiasm. Meanwhile, sentiment is growing that, with the onslaught from the National Lottery, there is room for only a few large bookmakers. Competition is also expected to intensify later this year with the flotation of Wil-liam Hill, once part of the Brent Walker empire, which

The Gus Carter group has been touted in the City as a takeover candidate since October when its shares, floated at 80p a time, crashed to 52p after a profits warning. It is thought Stanley's chairman and founder, Leonard Steinberg, who has a reputa-tion as a tough negotiator, will

duction of evening and Sunday | ket player as a separate | around 80p, allowing original investors to get out without making a loss. Last night, Gus Carter shares closed up op at 84p, while Stanley shares closed unchanged at 475p.

The acquisition of Gus Car-

ter would give Mr Steinberg the last laugh over the Trewhitt family, which still has a controlling stake in the group, and which snubbed him last year.

Wednesday

Baroque win gives House stylish boost

ETER Chapple-Hyam won the Epsom Derby with his first runner in the race, Dr Devi-ous, and judging by the vic-tory of High Baroque in yes-terday's Chester Vase seems to hold a very strong hand for

next month's premier Classic. Possibly Chapple-Hyam has erred in not entering High Baroque for Epsom and he jok-ingly admitted he might have made a "cock-up" but it is not hard to deduce why he is so willing to hold up his hands. High Baroque is number four in the Manton batting order which is headed by

Nash House, Astor Place and Heron Island. Legal Right, who won yesterday's Grosve-nor Stakes, comes in at num-"High Baroque is lazier than me at home," said the generously-built Chapple-Hyam. "But Nash House is

the boy - he's the one with the class and the turn of foot. He's not guaranteed to stay a mile and a half but the way he works at home, I think he

Bookmakers have been aware of the reputation of Nash House, a son of Nashcontracted rapidly from 16-1

Mark Of Esteem and Even Top in Hill's book following the eclipse of the early ante-

post front runners.

This may seem a crazy price about a Newbury maiden winner but all will be revealed next week when the colt runs in the Dante Stakes at York.

Astor Place, a 20-1 chance for Epsom, will also run at the meeting, in the Michael Seely Stakes, while Heron Island, quoted at 25-1, is due to be tested in Saturday's Lingfield Derby Trial.

High Baroque was hard ridden to come from last to first to take the Vase which exposed the favourite Air Quest, a full-brother to Derby win-ner Quest For Fame, as lack-

ner Quest For Fame, as lacking the necessary pace and adaptability for Epsom.

Pat Eddery summed up a disappointing effort, which saw Air Quest struggle home fifth, by saying: "He didn't handle the track and kept changing his legs."

John Dunlop's St Mawes was beaten just over a length

was beaten just over a length in second and may have another run in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood before any decision is made about

High Baroque, who is mooted as a possible future owned in partnership by development, suggesting that Michael Tabor and Robert owners who lacked the cour-



High note . . . High Baroque (left) has the measure of St Mawes in yesterday's Chester Vase

not deserve to have their blushes saved. But he was not

Tabor, who also owns the

2,000 Guineas failure Danehill Dancer, had just returned

from Louisville where he had

seen his two runners finish well down the field in the

Sangater, is not entered for | age to enter their horses did | Kentucky Derby. "I can't be | d'Inde, is almost as mystified lieve Danehill Dancer was so far behind those three on the stands rails in the Guineas," he said. "I reckon he must have been gracing on much slower ground in the middle of the track but I've only seen

the race on television."

6.10 A Windy Citizen

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by the fact that neither Mark Of Esteem nor Even Top will be going for the Irish "I can't understand it. They

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seem to be leaving it for me," said Johnston. "Bijon d'Inde has come out of the race well Mark Johnston, trainer of and definitely goes to the 2,000 Guineas third, Bijou | Ireland."

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Venables to cap **Anderton's run**

David Lacey

ARREN Anderton, easily the most sucessful England newcomer under Terry Venables, is poised to make a late run for a place in the European Championship team. If, as expected, Ven-ables includes him in the squad to be announced today. the 24-year-old Tottenham winger will be in the starting blocks for Euro '96.

The England coach has the friendly against Hungary at Wembley on Saturday week, followed by the Far East tour of China and Hong Kong. in which to finalise his squad of 22. Already Anderton's return to fitness after nine months of injury problems, along with the sudden rise of Steve Stone. is threatening to keep Robert Lee or Jamie Red-knapp out of the tournament.

cides on the 25 he wants to take to Beijing. But unless Anderton breaks down again or falls to regain his old pace he will be in the side for the opening European Championship match against Switzer-

land at Wembley on June 8.

Stone has proved an industrious replacement on the right, yet Anderton's scoring potential has been badly missed. He was one of England's few successes in last summer's Umbro Cup but at the start of the season a groin operation and other complications halted a burgeoning international career.

Alan Shearer, who has recently undergone a similar operation. will be missing from the squad announced today but Venables is counting on the Premiership's leading scorer being fit in time for June. Shearer may even make

Cup final a number of mid-field players will be kept in suspense until Venables de-pitch fit when he has another look at it today.

With Gary Pallister and Gareth Southgate able to return to the defences of Manchester United and Aston Villa before the end of the league programme, Venables's probems at the back have eased considerably. Even Tony Ad-ams, who has had a cartilage operation and not appeared for Arsenal since mid-January, is hoping to play himself into contention in tonight's

testimonial for Paul Merson.
Most of the places in the
England squad for Euro '96
have been settled but the competition for the handful of vacancies promises to be in-tense. Sol Campbell, another of Venables's Tottenham old boys, may well keep out more experienced rivals. For Peter Beardsley, Stan Collymore Nick Barmby, Trevor Sinclair With Paul Gascoigne un available for the Hungary the match in China, which game because of the Scottish now looks like going ahead it will be touch and go.

Liverpool face getting nothing for Thomas

IVERPOOL are likely to get nothing in return for ■their £1 5 million investment in Michael Thomas as he appears to be headed abroad when his contract runs out at the end of June.

Under the Bosman ruling Liverpool, who recently insisted Thomas was worth at east £2 million, would have to let Thomas go on a free transfer unless he went to another British club, in which case they could demand a fee. However, the 28-year-old former England international midfielder looks certain to move to Bayern Munich, Giovanni Trapattoni, who is to become the German club's coach this summer, underlined his interest in Thomas by flying to England at the weekend to watch him in Liverpool's Premiership game

the European transfer market Trapatton: will not be required to talk to Liverpool - he simply has to wait for Thomas to become a free agent in seven weeks' time. and improved three-year deal

fulfilling his ambition to play on the Continent. News of his possible deparjoined Liverpool from Arsenal five years ago, a place in Saturday's FA Cup final against Manchester United. He was expected to be

three substitutes at Wembley. Transfer fees for players out of contract in Italy have been abolished in line with the Bosman ruling following an agreement between the country's players' union and the national federation.

named as one of Liverpool's

The deal, which also inagainst Manchester City at creased the number of foreign Maine Road on Sunday. players teams can field, ended

Because of the changes in | the threat of a second players strike following the one in March and means that Sunmatches will go ahead as scheduled.

First division sides will be able to field an unlimited number of players from EU countries and up to three from outside. Until now teams were limited to a maxiwith Liverpool in the hope of mum of three foreigners from

> The leader of the players essociation. Sergio Campana. sald: "True, the meetings with the league were reward ing and produced rich results but I doubt they would have gone like that without that strike.

Leeds United have denied that the Spanish first division club Espanol have made an the Swedish international midfielder who was signed by Howard Wilkinson for a clubrecord £4.5 million in November.

"Bath will be absolutely slaughtered," predicts Ray French, one of the century's extremely rare breed to win international caps at both codes. "I don't think any in realise the power and the pace of the league game but Bath will find out soon enough once the match be-

gins, that's for sure.' French says Bath's toughest problem will be maintaining their defensive alignment through each six-tackle passage. "Their bodies will be on the line to stop the immense power of 16- or 17-stone athletes. It will need relentless tackling - hard, non-stop. head-on tackling - something to which no forward or

the meeting of England's

and Wigan, under rugby

eague rules. A return fixture

under the laws of union, will

be played at Twickenham on

ctive champions, Bath

back in union can be remotely accustomed." French noted that Wigan had run up more than 70 points against Paris at the weekend and averaged 40 points a game last year might ambush union players. Wigan supporter. He adito show what they can do, "against teams trained for "But Wigan might find it mits, however, that his and so are the backs."

HE CRACKING of the | and steeped in rugby league. | painfully disorienting at codes becomes office | so what might the score be | Twickenham," Slemen precial at Manchester | against players who've never | dicts. "when they're going codes becomes offi-cial at Manchester if Bath get it half right, it will the end of rugby's 100 years' war is celebrated with not be a pretty sight."
Mike Slemen is less pessi

and Mike Slemen, who has a brighter state-of-the-union message

mistic. "Bath might get beaten at Maine Road but they should win easily enough at Twickenham, says the former England union wing and present backs' coach, who was at Or-rell the first time the Wigan squad came to the union club to prepare for the fixtures.

"Down the years the league had always rated rugby union own game as hard as granite. Some of the Wigan players be lieved all that stuff before their first practice match against Orrell, and after about 10 minutes into the game you could see they were getting the shock of their

"Most of our boys never realised union was so tough," the Wigan coaches admitted than Callard goes to scrum-balf and the flanker Adam Vander will prop the

In rugby league tackles come from different angles, as well as in twos, and Slemen agrees that league's simultaneous double-tackle - one lassoing the attacker low, the other sandbagging him amidships to clamp the ball and stop a pass out of the tackle -

into rucks and mauls and gethope of a reconciliation beting hit when they haven't got the ball. Wigan will also tween the codes," said struggle in the line-outs, with no big men and no practised defence against a catch, drive

A two-code summit at last

and eight-man rolling maul. will be no contest. Even Orrell's scrum-machine proved that. There were many chastened faces that day - league forwards never realised they had to pack so low. In fact,

natch. Their scrum-half

Ian Sanders moves to

hooker, the full-back Jona.

That does not mean that

Bath are taking the game lightly. "As with every-thing at Bath, we'll give 100

per cent," said their coach

Brian Ashton, a former

scrum.

RUGBY: BATH AND WIGAN MAKE HISTORY AT MAINE ROAD

"And in the set scrums it their ineptitude here might ruin the Twickenham match

Both Slemen and French are agreed, however, about cance. "When I first started playing union there was no

"At the end of both matches guarantee there will be a fraternal show of respect from each side for the other's code," said French, "from players and fans alike. Even the union's media might think twice about looking

down their noses at rugby league again. French feels that rugby league already respects Bath simply for accepting the chal-

Bath try three positional changes against Wigan

league rules. "It is much harder than it

looks. We have had particu-lar difficulties at the play-the-ball, marking up and

getting back the 10 metres.

It is going to be a test of fitness for the lads but we

want to show people in the north of England that Bath can play fluid rugby.

and Martin Haug, who have

sevens experience, are keen

"Players like Kevin Yates

Frank Keating meets Ray French, who fears the worst for Bath, | because Wigan will offer | ville are true sportsmen for nothing solid to scrum | wanting to test themselves

Guscott cried off. Surely in any top sport you want to find out how good you really are. That's Wigan's approach any-way and the whole squad say that now the opportunity has come they would walk over broken class to test themselves against the likes of Niand Jon Sleightholme.

"They know it could only actually happen against Bath, union's top-grade runners, handlers and passers. For years Bath have been the only professional attitude scrummage properly as a unit | Mike Catt and Phil de Glan- | will be found out tonight.

on the field on Wednesday

night are very lucky men,

because they will go down

in the history books as code-breakers." For that

very reason all the substi-tutes named at Maine Road

are likely to play some part

Wigner Padinski, Robinson, Tulgamate, Consoliy, Offich, Paul, Edwarde, Coefe Hall, O'Connor, Guinnell, Cassidy, Farrell, Submittates fromis Siserrelt, Haughton, Smyth, Murdock Johnson, Beste Lunscen; Sieghtholme Waters, De Glanville, Adebayo, Catt. Callard; Vales, Sanders, Vander, Haag, Otombi, Robinson, Bulbatteter Redman, Buttand, Pearce McCarthy.

in the game.

McGhee frees 11 Wolves

a clear-out at Wolverhampton Wanderers yesterday. He released 11 players, including three full internationals, transfer-listed three others and warned seven or eight more that their attitude and fitness must be improved before the start of next season

Among the players given free transfers are the Dutch international central defender John de Wolf, the Welsh international central defender Eric Young and Mark Williams, the striker whose goals won Graeme Souness will not longer wants to be consid-South Africa the African be returning to Galata-Nations Cup final this year. saray next season. The Is-national team.

AFINE cross-shot by the Cannock winger Chris

Mayer two minutes from time

brought Great Britain their

first win, a 2-1 victory over

India, in their third match at

the Sultan Azlan Shah tour-

nament at Ipoh in Malaysia.

though, for they were not playing against India's Olym-

pic team but the under-21 side. While Eloysius in the In-

dian goal frustrated Britain's

attack, it needed Simon Ma-

son's acrobatics at the other | turned in a cross to equalise.

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Two midfielders who have | tanbul club said yesterday held down first-team places
— Paul Birch and Robbie Dennison - have also been

McGbee has also transfer-listed Mark Venus. Mark Rankine and Paul Jones and has warned several others that they will be finals this summer. made available for transfer unless they show greater dedication to their career.

"These lads have lost their way." said McGhee.
"Maybe not enough has been demanded of them. Maybe they have got away with murder."

Mayer puts India in the shade | Martinez gets

end to restrict India to

single goal. But Britain's coach David Whitaker said: "It was an im-

portant psychological win to

promote belief and team de-

velopment in the sort of in-

tense humidity we know we will face in Atlanta."

With the captain Jason Las-

lett out with a dislocated col-lar-bone and Julian Halls

missing with back trouble. Britain played Wyatt and

McGuire at the back and Shaw and Garcia at inside forward.

scored with a flick shot but

four minutes later Lakshman

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that his contract will not be renewed.

Galatasaray will replace Souness with Fatih Terim. who intends standing down as the Turkish national team manager after the European Championship

Lothar Matthaeus has ended his long and distinguished international career. The 35-year-old Bayern Munich player. who has been hampered by an Achilles tendon injury in the past year, has told Berti Vogts that he no

a feel for history

SPAIN's Conchita Martinez Stretched her undefeated

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for a fourth successive Italian Tennis HAMBURG OPEN: First round: 1 Gostinor (Ger. 5) D RM (C2) 5-7 6-4 6-B Karbacher (Ger. 5) B Unitrach (C2) 6-1 S Personnellis (II) M G Formet (F over the big-serving Tatiana The world No. 3 was back on court barely 48 hours after losing to her compatriot Arantya Sanchez Vicario in the Hamburg Open final and

her groundstrokes proved too good for the Yugoslav, ranked 74 pizces below her. "It would be nice to create a bro Spi of Li Washington (US) 6-1, 6-0. US CLAY COURT C 38409. Fineharth First round: Y Spaden (US) bit M Wood lords (Aus) 7-6. 6-2: T Woodbridge (Aus) of K Goscers; Bell 6-4, 6-3. P Reform (Aus) of F Wandla (Spi 6-3, 6-2. P Reform first if U Spic (US) 6-1, 7-6. P Reform (B) Life Flangs (Spi 6-4, 6-3, R Fromberg (Aus) of K Sell (US) 6-2, 6-2. R Moderd (Cd) is J Saymancki (Ven) 1-6. 6-2. 8-4. WOMEN'S ITALIAN OPEN, Flangs: First round: S Cocchied (III of A. Smishrovi (B) 17-4. 6-3. R Docknown-Hallowet (Fir III) his 7-4. 6-1. Y Beautiff (III of III) to Golares (IV) 6-3. Significant (Can) 6-4. 7-5: J Wiesens (Sin) 7-5. 7-5: G Physichel (IV) of Physics (Can) 6-4. 7-5: J Wiesens (Aut) bit G. Canon (IV) 8-2. 6-2. F Perford (IV) bit S Meier (Ser) 6-1. 7-5: Second (Count) K Habqueford (Slo) bit J Krutger (Sc) 6-3. N Tourish (Fir b) M Graybit of history," said Martinez. Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini and the American Chris Evert have also won three successive Italian Opens.

The former Wimbledon champion has made a disappointing start to 1995 and has yet to win a tournament. After she eased to a 3-0 lead Jecmenica got her powerful first serve together and, with her readiness to come to the net. unsettled Martinez's baseline game, keeping the first set in the balance until a Winning cross-court forehand on her second set point. "I expected slow clay-court

tennis nut the ball kept coming through high and fast." 5 Testate (FF) it 5 deplacement (Light 6-6).

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opponent to break back immediately and level at 2-2. The Spaniard then moved Ber 35 to 1900 sear to take the All the allows and set up a

and the searing sear M Wolffer

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ANTISTICAN LEAGUE: New York 10, De-irot 5, Kansas City 9, Cultiuma 4, Cakland 5, Septilo 5, Mannerota 4 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles 8, Pitsburgh 4, Florida 4, Now York 1, Mon-ireal 8, Chicago 2: Newsion 11 Philadel-phia 5, Atlanta 4, Colorado 1

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Evening Racing

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Walsall v Strewsbury. AVON INSURANCE COMMINATIONS Pirst Division: Charlien v Brighton (2.0). SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Callingham v Shidhend (200 Ruading v Nachhampton (200) Wohing v Websigham Doxhill Provident's Cup Final: Fulliam a Vercente FRIENDLY: Accept of a international 21

Rugby League CHALLENGE MATCH; "Anj ... ALLIANCE: Second: 1-11-14

Sport in brief

Athletics

BATH will experiment players have had trouble position for tonight's league rules.

Wang Junxia, the former Ma Junren-trained athlete and current world record holder, ran the fastest women's 10,000 metres of the year at China's Olympic trials in Nanjing city yesterday. Wang, who also ran the fastest 5,000m of the year on Sunday, finished in 31min 1.76sec.

Qu Yunxia, the women's failed to qualify for the final while Jiang Bo crashed out after seven laps. Both are still trained by Ma but have another chance to qualify for

Swimming

International coaches are considering an uprising against Fina, the world gov-erning body, unless its current stance on drug abuse is toughened. The World Swimming Coaches Association. which has more than 500 members, said that, unless Fina responds to its demands, it will implement a long-term strategy to gain control of the sport.

Rugby Union

Ben Clarke will team up for the last time with his Bath captain Phil de Glanville when they represent the Barbarians against Ireland in Dublin on May 18.

The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs have linked with their European partners to organise next season's events rather than leave It to the Five Nations.

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Table Tennis Waldner adds

missing title

Richard Jago in Bratislava

JAN-OVE WALDNER, the Olympic champion from Sweden, added the one major prize that has eluded him when he defeated his compa-triot and doubles partner Jorgen Persson here yesterday to take the European men's

singles title. After the 16-21, 21-15, 22-20, 21-15 victory the No. 2 seed produced an uncharacteristic show of emotion, tossing his oat in the air and hugging

It was a patchy match, though and the better game had been the semi-final in the morning when Waldner repeated his Barcelona final uccess over the Frenchman Jean-Philippe Gatien, this time winning 25-23, 17-21,

21-17, 21-6. Waldner and Persson, who prepared for these championships for six months, also confirmed that they will be seri-ous contenders for doubles gold in Atlanta by defeating the Polish partnership of Andrzej Grubba and Lucjan

Blaszczyk. Nicole Struse, the top seed, took the women's singles title by beating Krisztina Toth, the surprise finalist from Hungary, 21-6, 21-18, 21-13.

The German's toughest match was Monday's quarterfinal, when she had needed an hour and a half before winning 21-18 in the final game. against the Chinese-born: European Top 12 champion. from Luxembourg, Ni Xia-

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Benson & Hedges Cup: Essex v Kent

Patel jigs for victory

David Foot at Cheknsford

IN PATEL imp ishly squirted the winning runs off Stuart Law with two balls remaining to give Kent their fourth victory in four B&H Cup matches and leave Essex to ponder whether they had mismanaged their bowling options.

It had been a singularly un-

rewarding day for Law with the ball but he was still entrusted with the last taut over, when Kent cobbled together the necessary eight runs. The Australian ended with nought for 66.
Patel had made little im-

pact with his inviting spin. Yet in the contrary ways of one-day competitions he emerged as a timely batsman, dabbing a four to third man and following it with a jab into empty territory before going on a victory dance. Essex had made 225 for six, restricted in various ways:

not least by the medical man Julian Thompson, whose par-simonious two for 26 earned him the gold award. Eight of those runs came from boundaries in his last over. He bounds in these days in

pursuit of prized scalps; this time he got Gooch's. Hussain batted with maturity. He remained in circum-

being bowled by Hooper. Prichard was going well at the start but was eventually bowled by Thompson hitting

bowled by Thompson hitting across the line.

Law was caught at short midwicket when moving up a gear and Irani then began the charge. He started effectively with two sixes and signs of pre-determined aggression.

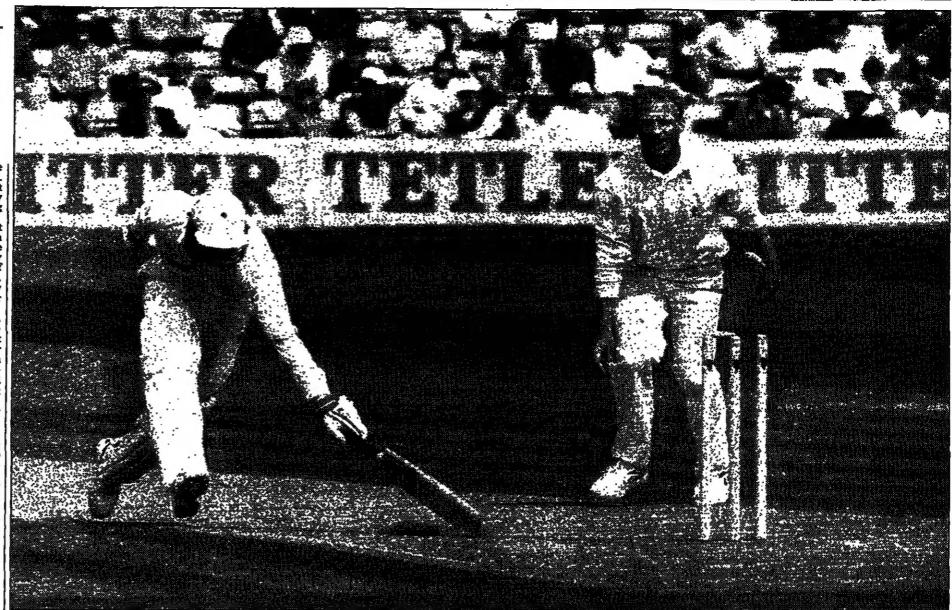
His wicket when caught by His wicket, when caught by Marsh, was a crucial one for Kent

When it was Kent's turn. Fleming immediately demon-strated ominous and indecent haste as he cracked four boundaries in an over from Law. The pattern was sus-tained as Hooper, who had earlier bowled cannily, went after the attack.

He disappeared eventually to deep mid-on, a good catch, and then Ward was out for a rather more wary half-cen-tury when he leaned back to stroke Such through the cov-ers and was bowled.

Kent again trifled with the affections of their supporters. Ealham was out to a fine gully catch; Walker made a sturdy contribution but then he and McCague departed in a trice as the match swayed back fascinatingly in Essex's

llott's mean three wickets were eventually in vain. And there were to be no celebraspect non-scoring mode for 26 tions, either, for Ashle balls; then he neatly rattled Cowan on his 21st birthday. tions, either, for Ashley



Close-run thing . . . Fleming of Kent breaks the wicket to run out Grayson at Chelmsford yesterday, where Kent beat Essex by one wicket

PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

Sweet return for Ambrose Brown blasts England hint

Mike Selvey at Northampton

NE WAY and another this has been an un-usual few days for Northamptonshire. First Steve Coverdale, the county's chief executive, made his tra-ditionally pessimistic trip to Heathrow to meet Curtly Ambrose on Sunday, only to discover that his overseas star was actually on the flight he said he would be.

Then yesterday Ambrose, lagged like the outhouse pipes against the chill wind, helped Northants to a six-wicket win that put them in the B&H quarter-finals for only the second time in the last five falled to keep down a cut off years. They will now play Chris Cairns and was acroyears. They will now play Yorkshire at the County Ground next week to decide | Pennett at backward point. which of the two gets the home draw.

mattered. A fourth-wicket stand of 119 between the new captain Rob Bailey and Kevin Curran took them from 91 for

three to the verge of victory. Bailey, thumpingly powerful on the front foot but witheringly so square to the off-side off the back foot as well, hit 11 fours and two straight sixes in an innings chance-less until the scores were level. He finished with an unbeaten 115, his third century in the competition. Curran's 50 contained a six

and three fours before he batically caught by David

Crucially Curran survived a trio of chances: on 11 when

with his left-arm swing, a fingerbusting return caich; competition best for him, and then Northants batted themselves out of trouble when it mess of a skyer, off the unfortunate Bates once more. Nottinghamshire experienced a torrid start, with Ambrose's steepling bounce virtually unplayable and Taylor

cashing in at the other end with the wickets of Tim Robinson and Tolley. When Paul Johnson was caught at midwicket off Ambrose Notts had slipped to 46 for three. That they recovered to reach 232 was largely due to a fourth-wicket stand of 95 in 22 overs between Paul Pol-lard, whose adventurous 79 contained a six and nine fours, and Ashley Metcalfe, freshly arrived from York-

After Anthony Penberthy with another spectacular taken seriously. He also had dismissed both, however, piece of smiting which made 51 against Hampshire no one was able to make a Northants deserved their he was dropped behind by decisive contribution, the key win, gaining important early use of a bouncy pitch. Paul Taylor recorded five for 45 Bates failed to cling on to a at long off by Alan Fordham.

Sussex v Surrey

Paul Weaver at Hove

AVID LLOYD stroked his chin the way sages do when asked whom be had come to watch here yesterday. "Well, I haven't come for Vasbert Drakes and I haven't come for Brendon Julian," replied the new England coach, who employed a flashing blade in front of the microphone but is now learning to play a straight bat.

There were probably a number of names on

Lloyd's look-over list, in-cluding Speight of Sussex and Brown, Stewart, Hollicake and even Lewis of Surrey. It was Alistair piece of smiting which brought him 117 not out — and 82 against Gloucesterand the gold award — from 105 deliveries.

Alec Stewart, the Surrey

time and now his protege could replace him in the England side for the oneday internationals against India. Brown will be con-sidered as Michael Atherton's opening partner.

To set a proper field for

Brown here one needed a good boat. He struck five vast sixes, four off the off-spinner Nicky Phillips, and 11 fours. With Stewart he shared an unbroken part-nership of 151 in 23 overs for the second wicket and Sussex were walloped by nine wickets with 14.5 overs to spare; their hopes of reaching the quarter-fin-als, far-fetched before this match, are now extinct.

shire in this competition and before the season started there were three captain, has championed centuries in four friendly

matches. His first-class career has been a short one but his average of 45.43 is exceptional for a batsman of exuberant instincts. Among players available for England, only Graeme Hick (57) and John Crawley

(48) have better figures.

"When you have the likes of Chris Lewis batting at eight and Julian at nine it takes the pressure off," he said. "It means I have the freedom to go out there and play my shots." This is a luxury Martin Speight, an-other gifted strokemaker, does not enjoy. Sussex have made a mis-

erable start to the season. In this competition Gloucestershire beat them shire by 67 runs. They were 76 for six yesterday before Wells (69) and Drakes (26) added 68 and Paul Jarvis hit 38 from 19 balls, breaking a window with a straight six.

Leicestershire v Lancashire

Fairbrother and Speak set up possible final in advance

David Hopps at Grace Road

ANCASHIRE and Warwickshire, the winners of last season's two domestic fin-als, have made such untroubled progress to the last eight of this competition that their now superfluous Group A tie at Old Trafford next Tuesday has already taken on the air of a potential final.

The B&H Cup holders' eight-wicket victory over Leicestershire arose from alightly shaky foundations. They lost Atherton and Gallian within four overs but Speak and Fairbrother played with great resolve in a partnership of 169 in 41 overs to surpass Leicestershire's 176 with five overs to spare.

proved troublesome on a pitch offering some encour-agement. Gallian edged Mul-lally low to first slip in the first over and Atherton was mid-July.

three overs later. Whitaker, the Leicestershire captain, prolonged his new-ball attack as long as possible. Mullally bowled seven overs and Milins com-

pleted his spell But Speak

and Fairbrother dug in before

trapped in front by Millns

finding release against the change bowlers. Leicestershire's innings was wasteful, with the first seven batsmen reaching double figures but only Whitaker suggesting any degree of permanence. The South African Elworthy made a good impression, removing Smith and Simmons with

successive deliveries.
For the fanatical Lancashire supporter who has Leicestershire's new-ball hat adorned with red roses attack of Mullally and Millns | optimism abounded. The question is whether such wondrous early-season blooms will have required fierce pruning by Lord's in

champion Ray Mercer at

ber or October, po later," Ma-loney added. "We don't want Don King signing it because

This is an about-turn by

Maloney, who has always insisted upon no deals with Seldon. "It's about give-andtake," he explained.

Herbie Hide, the Norwich

heavyweight who lost his WBO title to Riddick Bowe in

Las Vegas in March 1995, has changed managers from

Barry Hearn to Frank War-ren. Hide, 24, will fight again

there are loopholes

Madison Square Garden.

Maynard runs true to form

ATTHEW Maynard continued to impress as Glamorgan's new captain yesterday when his 151 not out against Middlesex at Lord's gave his side a six-wicket win and a chance of reaching the quarter-finals, writes Don Beet. But, even if they beat Kent at Canterbury, Somer-set and Essex are still in with a chance and it could all come down to run rate.

Adrian Dale returned a competition-best five for 41, as Middlesex totalled 263, and then helped Maynard, who hit six sixes and 10 fours, add 137 for the

visitors' third wicket. The openers Nick Knight (91) and Neil Smith (80) hurried Warwickshire to victory in record style against Derbyshire at Edgbaston. They put on 162 the highest partnership for any Warwickshire wicket in the competition — in 19 overs after Shaun Pollock had set up the win with fig-ures of five for 38 in 9.4 overs. Dean Jones made 64

for Derbyshire.
Devon Malcolm conceded 54 runs in only five overs as Warwickshire lost two wickets in reaching their target of 194.

Ireland were demolished by Gloucestershire, who will reach the quarter-fin-als if they beat Hampshire. Tony Wright (123 and the gold award) and Robert Cunliffe (116) put on 222 for the second wicket to give Ireland the formidable target of 308 for three; they were dismissed for 140. Somerset's Rob Turner

and Keith Parsons produced an unbroken eighth-wicket stand to beat British Universities at Taunton. The county were reduced to 209 for seven in reply to 271 but Turner (39) and Parsons (33) kept their nerve. The Universities' Anurag Singh struck gold for his spirited 123.

Senson and Hedges Cup DURKAN THENOR COUNTES rickels. MINOR COUNTIES R J Evans c Scott b Setts J Evans c Soot b Setts
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Total (for 5, 40.5 overs) 128 Fall of wickester 0, 45, 53, 91, 138. Did not beth †C W Scott, J Boiling, S J E Brown, M M Setts, Score at 15 overses 5-61, Bourdings Seggers 10-6-8-2, M A Sharp 5-4-2-4-0; L audat 8-0-30-1; Powell 7,5-0-29-0; Marvell 8-0-21-1, Unterpress J C Balderstone and J H Hampshira.

Headingley: Yorkshire won by 126 runs. YORKSHIRE

Did not bet C E W Silverwood, R

SCOTLAND

Scoreboard

Total (48.2 overs) 157
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Score at 75 overs 3-50
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ter to Streets Durham won by five

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M D Beran e Gourlay b Williamsen
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Extras (tb5, w8. nb10)

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HELAID V GLOUCESTERSHINE

INSTAND
S J S Warks live b Cooper
G D Harrison live b Smith ...
D Moore c & b Smith ...
D A Lovie c & b Alleyne ...
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TRANSOUR SOMERISH WON by three victoria, SERITISH UNIVERSITIES
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A C Ridley run out 35
A Singh c Parsons b Lee 35
R C G M Gupte c 8 b Rose 21
M A Wagh b Caddick 6
W K Bils b Live 4
M R Evans not out 8
S A J Boswell Rive b Caddick 1 JD R Sension run out
A R Ounloy low b Lawle
N G Don't C Russell b Lawle
P G Gillispile low b Smith
P McCrum b Lewis
A T Rusherbord st Russell b Davla
M W Patterson not out
Extras (b1, 166, w3, nb2)

Total (40.1 overs) 1440
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Score at 15 overs: 3-07.
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Mortiseappees Northants won by six wit NOTTINGHAMESHEET.

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C L Calms c Fordham b Taylor
W M Noon c Montgemens b Penbertry

R T Bates b Taylor
R A Pick b Taylor
D B Penmet not out

Total (for 9, 50 overs) 232 Felb 8, 13, 46, 141, 183, 184, 202, 227, 228, Score at 15 evers: 5-6. Scoreling: Ambrose 10-0-32-1; Taylor 9-3-45-5; Penbertly 10-1-38-3; Curran 10-0-63-0; Emburey 10-0-42-0; Bailey 1-0-9-0. A Fordham b Pick 2

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Extras (lb11, w2, nb4) 17

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Soore at 15 overs: 2-72.
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Total #4 overs) 776 Fails 32, 48, 52, 53, 142, 144, 165, 167, 170. Sowings Martin 9-1-43-3; Austin 5-1-45-1; Elworthy 7-0-30-3; Yates 10-3-00-4; Wagaragon 10-1-41-3.

J Boswell lbw b Caddick shi b Caddick Extres (Ib14, w6, nb2)...

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Score at 18 over 1-79.

Bowling Boswell 9.5-0-81-1; Marc
10-0-54-1; Elita 9-0-50-1; Evans
8-0-55-1; Wagh 10-1-41-1; Ridley
2-0-10-0.

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Total of wiskships 5, 27, 132, 142, 144, 148, 174, 184, 190.

Bowning Policet 9.4-1-38-5; Brown 10-2-28-0; Giles 6-0-33-0; Munton 5-0-23-0; Reeve 8-1-24-2; N M K Smith 9-0-37-2.

Total (for 2, 23.3 overs) 184
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Total (for 9, 48.4 overs) 228
PMI of witchwise 29, 95, 143, 162, 172, 179, 207, 214, 215
Score at 1.6 overs: 1-72.
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Score at 15 evers: 0-130.
Bowling: Malcolm 5-0-54-0; Cork
4-0-22-0; Aldred 5-0-35-2; Jones
2-0-15-0; Walls 1-0-7-0; Griffith 4-0-42-0;
Barnott 2-3-0-14-0.
Unspires: K E Palmor and R A Whita.

Total (for 8, 50 overs) 225
Fall of wfetcets: 28, 36, 102, 188, 205, 224, 236 set bets bir C (fot), P M Such, A P Covers.
Score at 15 overs: 2-40, 38ee/lag: McCagus 8-1-55-1; Thompson 10-2-28-2; Fieming 10-0-44-0; Patel 4-0-84-0; Hooper 10-0-36-2; Eniham 8-0-43-0.

THE West Indies opener Sharwin Campball spent 95 minutes making 27 on its Durham debut against Minor Counties but an unbesten 95 from Jon Longley essed the county to a five-wistest win with 83 overs to scarce at Chester-le-Street.

• DARREN GOUGH's return to form continued at Headingley where he hit the Scotten stack for an unbeatin 48 from 35 balls as Vortestire plundered 74 from the last seven overs to set up a 128-run win. Chasing 270, the Scots rever recovered from Carls Silverwood's new-ball burst of loar for 11 in 16 balls.

For £10 million Tyson can fight Seldon first, says Lewis

Jack Massarik

and Bruce Seldon must sign it in blood," said Maloney — presumably speaking meta-phorically — as he watched Lewis training in a New York gym for Friday's warm-up fight against the former WBO NEGOTIATORS for Lennox Lewis, boosted by a recent US court ruling that effectively orders Mike Tyson to defend his World Boxing Council heavyweight title "As long as both fighters sign a concrete deal that they [meaning the winner] will meet Lennox Lewis in Septemagainst him at the first oppor-tunity, are ready to offer a compromise deal.

Don King is determined to promote a July fight between Tyson and the WBA cham-pion Bruce Seldon, whom he also controls and who is considered a pushover for Tyson. Lewis is prepared to step aside and let this happen, his manager Frank Maloney said yesterday, in return for a firm undertaking that Tyson will fight Lewis this autumn for a guaranteed minimum of \$15

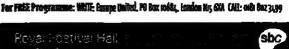
says Maloney, could make £30 million from the fight. "If we are guaranteed \$15 ren. Hide, 24, will fight again million and everything is on the Naseem Hamed-vsigned and sealed then there is room to negotiate. Tyson Newcastle on June 8.

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QUINNELL AND CLARKE TOP THE BILL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE OPEN SEASON

Robert Armstrong sees the ambitious London rugby union club parade five new high-profile signings from both codes

Richmond start price war

in England to enter the league transfer Wigan's Scott Quinnell and Jim Fallon of Leeds.

The London club, who last month won promotion to Courage League Two, will pay Wigan £300,000 for the 23year-old Quinnell and Leeds will receive about £40,000 for Fallon. who at 30 faces a shorter professional career.

The pair were paraded with the England internationals Ben Clarke and Richard West and the England A prop Dar-ren Crompton — the latest crop of high-profile signings announced by Richmond — at the Café Royal yesterday. Richmond, boosted by a £2.5

million cash injection from the businessman Ashley Levett, have now recruited five internationals for next season's promotion campaign, including the Wales halfbacks Andy Moore and Adrian Davies, who were ac-quired three weeks ago.

Other leading rugby league players such as Scott Gibbs of St Helens and Wigan's Va'aiga Tuigamala have also been targeted by Richmond's ambitious chief executive Symon Elliott. Elliott, who will budget for

a wage bill of £700,000 next season, said: "Rugby union has entered an open era and I anticipate a transfer market involving the better players will develop over the next few seasons. Everybody we have signed will be on long-term contracts but some players who come back to union may well play both codes as profes sional rugby players."
Quinnell, who switched

from Llanelli to Wigan only two years ago, is understood to be on a five-year contract worth £120,000 a season; Clarke, who will be the Richmond captain, will earn £150,000 a year over the same period. Moore and Davies £65,000 a year and West. Crompton and Fallon bereen £40,000 and £50,000. First-team players already with Richmond, all of whom son, will receive substantially

"I am impressed by Richmond's long-term commitment and the talent of the players they have signed," said Quinnell whose Wigan contract still has eight weeks to run. The former Wales No. 8, who helped win the Five Nations trophy in 1994. will be in line for an interna-



High five . . . Ben Clarke, Scott Quinnell, Jim Fallon, Richard West and Adrian Davies line up for Richmond yesterday

mond winning promotion to League One in a year's time. Clarke, who is 28, admitted he had spoken to the England encountering any objection. that already [with England] September. "I have every intention of

continuing to play for England and I don't think switching to Richmond will jeopar-dise that," said the England and 1993 Lions flanker. "I have no doubt it will be very hard to get out of League Two but we have a strong squad of players and, if we can play rugby like you see in the Super 12, that will be great." Bath will go on attracting

good players because of their unrivalled record in winning trophies, Clarke forecast. He

comeback next | added that he was leaving | tractive football that earned | the current dispute between autumn, though his long-term them "with happy memo-career will depend on Rich- ries". However, Clarke accepted the likelihood that his own performance with Rich-mond would come under intense critical scrutiny bemanager Jack Rowell about cause of his lucrative a full house at Richmond's his move from Bath without contract. "It has been like first home game next

> this season," he explained Fallon, another Bath player who won England B caps in the early Nineties, said a number of former union players who had gone to league were hoping to return to the 15-man game.
> "I think some of them

would like to play both league and union at different times of the year, if that could be arranged," he said. Fallon, a powerful union wing, is prob-ably a little too old to attract the interest of Rowell, his old

Bath coach. John Kingston, the Richmond coach who has been ap-

them 1,100 points in 32 games this season. "We haven't received one yellow card and we gave value for money whenever we played," declared Kingston, who expects

the leading clubs and the Rugby Football Union, Richmond would support RFU policy decisions, notwithstand-ing their membership of the Union Clubs. "We want to be the premier rugby union club in Britain and a major inter-

attempt to halt a drift south that continued when the wing

Craig Joiner, capped 16 times, left Melrose for Leicester. He was paraded by the Tigers yesterday alongside the England A scrum-half Austin

Scotland's international

players are to receive loyalty payments next season in an

Gibbs and Tuigamala look the next prime targets

SCOTT QUINNELL's de-parture to Richmond represents a considerable blow for rugby league. The code must, however, expect to suffer further losses in the free market, writes

Paul Fitzpatrick.
The Welsh and Western Samoan centres Scott Gibbs and Va'aiga Tuigamala would probably be the two prime targets for rugby lestyn Harris, though

brought up in league, would also be at the top of many union clubs' shopping lists, particularly in Wales where he made such an impression with the Welsh rugby league World

Cup side last year.
But if these players make the switch they will cost rugby union a lot of money.
Gibbs signed a five-year St pointed director of rugby, union as it attempts to underlined the club's plans to persevere with the type of at-players who have made a Helens contract in 1994,

success of the switch to | Tuigamala is only halfway through a 4%-year contract with Wigan and the 19year-old Harris signed a new four-year deal with

Warrington last August. Most players targeted so far by union are former union players but Bobbie Goulding, the scrum-half and captain of St Helens, has been linked with Orrell and Francis Cummins, the young Leeds centre or full-back, has interested routinely catches 20 rebounds Newcastle. a game, double the number

The Worm turns up the hype



sex," declares Den-nis Rodman in his new autobiography Bad As I his X-rated account of life in professional basketball, it would be difficult to quibble with the maths.

Aptly nicknamed The Worm the odd-looking 34-year-old represents the reductio ad absurdum of America's celebrity-obsessed culture. To the uninitiated eye, his performance on the court seems unremarkable: he does not notch up 30 points a game like Michael Jordan or slam dunk like Shaquille O'Neal. From the free-throw line he can barely sink one in two shots. Yet Rodman is one of the biggest stars of a star-studded ague, arguably the bigges

after Jordan and O'Neal. Barely a month goes by with-out his scantily clad body gracing the cover of some magazine, barely a week without him making the His extraordinary celebrity

rests on two pillars. The first to court attention. There is scarcely an inch of his 6ft 8in bulk that is not covered by a tattoo, or body part that has not been pierced. A season or two ago he struck on the idea of dyeing his hair — a different colour for every game.

When his appearance ceased to shock, Rodman turned to deeds. He had a torrid and very public affair with Madonna; he took journalists on gambling binges; he revealed an enthusiasm for cross-dressing; he declared his intention to play a game stark naked; he bought pink Harley Davidson.

Even in America, being the "baddest" player in the game would not have been enough, however. To be as big as Dennis Rodman, an athlete needs some claim to sporting excellence. Rodman found his in the specialised art "rebounding", or grabbing missed shots as they bounce off the backboard or basket. He is, quite simply, the best rebounder in the NBA, per-

that would be considered healthy for any other player.
Rebounding was traditionally
considered an unglamorous
aspect of the game, a labourintensive, physical sideline
for the big men whose primary function was to score points. But, by abandoning almost

every other aspect of his game, Rodman has turned it into a science. He instantly calculates the likely trajec-tory of any ricochet, rising as though on a pogo stick and kicking his legs with childlike glee as he grabs the ball.
Anyone who doubted the value of his rebounding skills was silenced by his impact on the Chicago Bulls after joining them this season. Though the return of a fully condi-tioned Jordan doubtless had

something to do with it, it was, to a large extent, the addition of Rodman that turned a mediocre side into the silky machine that garnered a record 72 wins. But, just as he helped create the Bulls' aura of invincibil-ity. Chicago's championship

destroy it. For as much a part of the Rodman myth as the hair and tattoos is The Problem With Authority.

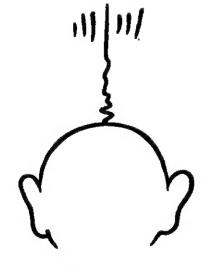
AST year the championship hopes of the San Antonio Spurs, the hotevaporated as Rodman was suspended for "insubordination" during the play-offs. The Spurs were so keen to get shot of Rodman that they traded him for Will Pedue, "a guy", as The Worm diplomatically puts it in his autobiogra-

phy, "with no game". Invoking the quiet author-ity of Jordan, the Bulls somehow tamed Rodman for much of the season. But in March he earned a six-game suspension for butting a referee, and the Bulls coach Phil Jackson began to look worried. When Rodman was ejected from the first game of the Buils' playoff series against Miami, their rivals dared to hope: could he be a time bomb at the heart of

the greatest ever team?
Since then, however, The Worm has confined his rebellious urges to his literary en-deavours. To no one's surprise, the cover of his autobiography features the author posing naked on a

Harley Davidson. The tome was instantly mined for such insights as Madonna "wasn't an acrobat, but she wasn't a dead fish either". But the proper conclusion of the Rodman story is not, as he claims, that the NBA is half about sex and half about cash. The rise and rise of The Worm proves it is a game, double the number | 99 per cent about hype.

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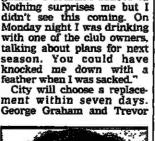
ARRY FRY yesterday completed his most surprising transfer prising transfer, from the post of Birmingham City manager to the dole queue. Sacked at noon, he reacted with characteristic humour. "Kirstine is out shopping as usual," said his answerphone

ment. Funny old game, Indeed it is. On Sunday Birmingham's owner David Sul-livan had said: "We will start the season with Barry Fry as

message, "and I've gone to the iob centre looking for employ-

So no wonder there was some embarrassment from Sullivan in announcing Fry's sudden departure. "We are desperately sorry changes had to be made," he said.

"It's heart-breaking because Barry is such a lovely, lovely person and he's worked very hard for the club. But we want to be in the Premiership next year and we feel the probability of that is higher with a new manager." | Fry . . . funny old game'



guine. "I couldn't believe it.

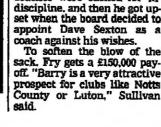


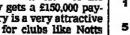
her plausible explanation).

Once the shock had sunk | Francis are favourities, while in, however, Fry was less sandothers mentioned include others mentioned include Chariton's Alan Curbishley. Along with buying 61 players for £7.5 million during his 30 months in charge, Fry In 1994-95 City were Second Division champions and won the Auto Windscreens Shield. This season they were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists and were third in the First Div-

ision on Boxing Day. But their slump to finish 15th was enough to get Fry the sack. "Since Christmas our form was that of a relega-tion team," said Sullivan. He added that "a large number of the crowd" wanted a change. Fry had become isolated in March when two of his coaches were sacked for indiscipline, and then he got upset when the board decided to appoint Dave Sexton as a

To soften the blow of the

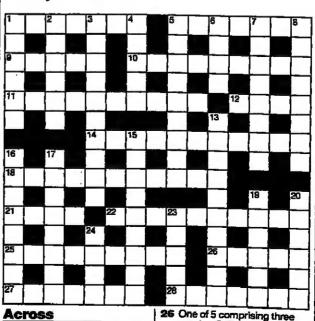




My first visit was in 1990, when Bernardo Bertolucci invited me to be on the jury. The jury members are distributed among the hotels along the Croisette and Mira Nair, the Indian director, and I were given the hotel furthest away from the Palais du Cinema ("Wogs and writers" was

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- leave a flea (6
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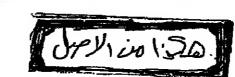
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